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We Are the Only
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In Sikeston District!

The P. C. Editor Says:

We are in receipt of a letter from Hon. John T. Taylor, of Keytesville, Mo., chairman of Committee on Appropriations in the Missouri House of Representatives, asking what our opinion is about raising finances sufficient to carry on the needs of the State, and in speaking for itself individually, we are expressing our opinion in print so our local readers can read same and criticize us at will. We are for an increase in the gas tax sufficiently large to enable the Highway Department to continue the road program in Missouri, to maintain roads now built and to pay interest on bonds and retire same when due. The ratification of Amendment No. 4 reducing the age from 70 years to 65 years will double the number of persons now receiving old age assistance and will necessitate the increase of the sale tax materially or placing a tax of 2 cents on every package of cigarettes. We favor no increase on sales tax, but taxing cigarettes. We favor reducing the appropriation for public schools from 33 1/3 per cent to 25 per cent in order to provide more funds for social security purposes. Let the tax levy be increased slightly to make up the difference to school districts. We are certain old age assistance has been woefully worked, but with the decision of the Court of Appeals at Springfield in a recent decision, and unless the state Supreme Court decides in favor of the State Social Security Commission, then the old age assistance has become a racket, which I oppose. Now you local folks who don't agree with the above, unlimber your guns and go to shooting.

We sometimes wonder if the editor of the Sikeston Herald has ice water in his veins, vinegar or red blood. And we wonder again if anything possible could occur that would cause him to say nice things about a Blanton unless it would be that The Standard editor had cashed in and had been laid away in the pawpaw patch. We don't remember of reading in his paper anything complimentary of the wonderful service, Harry Blanton, rendered the pub. which he sent to the federal prison the Muench gang of highbinders in St. Louis, and he rather gloated over the fact that C. L. Blanton, Jr., was suspended as assistant WPA director over a matter over which he had no control. Now he is taking a crack at David Blanton and questioning his honesty.

Fred D. Harris the new Division 10 Highway Engineer paid The Standard office a pleasant call Friday forenoon, was shown through the art gallery and met all the employees. He was on the lookout for a modern home in order to move his family to Sikeston which consists of one wife and no children.

Sikeston merchants are looking forward to an increased Christmas trade by advertising in the Sikeston newspapers in any sign. The two papers carried 2612 inches of advertising of which The Standard was honored with 1908 inches leaving Sikeston's second newspaper with 704 inches.

Unless we miss our guess there will be some radical changes in the liquor laws the coming session of the Legislature. We believe the old-time saloon is much preferred to the free and easy liquor and beer dispensaries as now allowed. No minor could buy liquor in a saloon and no decent woman ever went into one. Sikeston could receive a right good sum from licenses and at the same time the saloon man would obey the law or lose his license.

If folks who owe The Standard on subscription expect Santa Claus to visit our eight children and seventeen grandchildren this time, they had better hurry up and send in their remittance.

The Herald editor seems much exercised about road house conditions in Scott County when the new prosecuting attorney is sworn in January 1, 1939, and with John Hobbs as sheriff, and says Scott County has been practically free of conditions as exists in other counties. John Hobbs has already visited certain road houses and jenny joints in Scott County and notified them they must clean up their places or they will be closed. The new prosecuting attorney was not supported by the element the Herald editor fears will run wide open joints, and will do his duty 100 per cent when he is inducted into office January 1.

"Kentucky Governor is Riding Woman hit by Auto in Which" is the heading over an article in Friday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The two lines transposed should have read: "Woman hit by Auto in which Kentucky Governor is Riding," which makes quite a difference.

Morehouse Project Lagging

PWA Approves Sewer System, Waterworks Plans Unheard From

Only the sewer system part of the Morehouse waterworks project has been approved by the Public Works Administration at Washington, D. C., and citizens of the town, who voted 4-1 last August for a \$43,000 bond issue to finance the extensive program, are wondering if their plans have reached a dead end.

Unless the plans for a waterworks and water system are approved, it will be useless to build the sewers.

At the time the City voted for the project, to cost a total of \$233,000, the entire project had been approved in the state PWA offices and at regional headquarters in Omaha, Neb. Then Washington passed favorably on the sewer system while the water system has not been heard from. Work was to have started on the project immediately after election.

A recent news dispatch said all PWA funds for the present year had been allocated and no more projects could be approved for the present fiscal year, ending June 30, unless Congress grants a deficiency appropriation.

No projects were to be accepted by the PWA after last Sept. 1. It is understood that an engineer to supervise the entire project had been appointed after the Morehouse project had been approved last summer by district WPA officials.

The bonds voted have not been sold, pending the outcome of the waterworks proposal, but it was stated at Morehouse that these would find immediate buyers.

People of the town have not heard whether the water system proposal has passed or failed. Meantime, the place continues to hear whether the water system in most of the city. Part of the town is served by a private water system of the Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Co.

Mrs. Viola Jones Dies at Hospital

Mrs. Viola Jones, who for the past nine years lived here at 414 Fletcher Street, died Saturday in St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, of complications after a three-week illness.

A native of Southeast Missouri, she was born on Aug. 22, 1896, and before coming to Sikeston lived on a farm at Canolou. She had been married 21 years to Robert F. Jones, who survives, along with a 5-year-old son, Roy Franklin Jones.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church, the Rev. E. W. Milner officiating, and burial with Welch service was in Memorial Park.

Marketing Quota Voted In Cotton Referendum

Scott County Cotton farmers fell in step with the large majority of growers throughout the United States Saturday in voting in favor of a marketing quota on the 1939 crop. It carried by a 5-1 margin.

After a check of challenged votes Monday morning at the office of County Agent F. J. Veatch, Jr., a total of 329 in favor of and 61 against the tax on excess acreage was recorded. Seven challenged votes were unopened because those who cast them were either from another county or community, or it was declared they had not produced cotton last year.

Throughout the United States a count of 90 per cent of the votes showed 940,400 in favor of a 177,800 against, giving the proposition a favorable majority of nearly 85 per cent.

The 10 leading cotton counties of Missouri showed 86.4 per cent of the farmers in favor of the referendum. Howard Shirley, chairman of the state AAA at Columbia, pointed out that Missouri returned a more favorable vote than any other state this year and last year both. The total was 8181 Yes and 1287 No.

The heaviest cotton producing counties of the state, Scott, New Madrid, Mississippi, Pemiscot and Dunklin, all carried by a heavy vote, but the biggest result favor-

Mrs. Earl Malone, Sr. Succumbs

Widow of Physician Was Prominent in Women's Affairs

Mrs. Mary Ethel Malone, one of Sikeston's best-known women and wife of the late Dr. Earl J. Malone, Sr., died at 11 o'clock Saturday morning after an illness of 18 months.

Mrs. Malone, 71 years old, had been bedfast for the past eight months at her home, one of the largest and most impressive Sikeston residences at the corner of Malone Avenue and Stoddard Street. Death was caused by complications.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. John L. Taylor, and burial with Dempster service was in the Sikeston City Cemetery.

As Mary Ethel Bridges, she was born at Carbondale, Ill., where she received her education in the lower and preparatory grades and attended the Southern Illinois Teachers College.

She was married to Dr. Malone on June 30, 1890, at Carbondale, and they came to Sikeston to live. Dr. Malone died on Feb. 3, 1929.

Mrs. Malone was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She was active in women's work, being a charter member of the local American Legion Auxiliary, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for a number of years, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Sikeston Woman's Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Malone had five children, Ruth, who died at the age of one year; Albert, who died at the age of 21, and C. L. Malone, William B. Malone and John R. Malone, all of Sikeston. She also leaves two step-children whom she reared from early childhood, Earl J. Malone and Mrs. Edna Johnson; five grandchildren, Paul, William, Daniel, Mary Ethel and Edwin Joseph Malone; a brother, Charles Bridges of Los Angeles, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Abbie Davis, who for the past two years made her home with Mrs. Malone.

Active pallbearers, all members of the American Legion, were Tom Roberts, A. B. Jewell, Dr. W. A. Anthony, Loomis Mayfield, William Shain and Tanner C. Dye.

Ginning Now 5218 Bales Less

A total of 11,289 bales of cotton ginned in Scott County this season up to Dec. 1, according to the report Saturday by Special Agent Tharon Stallings, is 5218 bales less than the output for the same period last year, when 16,507 had been ginned, it is shown in figures of the Bureau of Census.

One of the oldest residents of Scott County, Mrs. Cruse was born on March 25, 1844, in Indiana. She had been a resident of Vanduser for many years.

Surviving besides the son are six other children, Mrs. Lizzie McKelvy of Arizona, Mrs. Barbara Botts of Rockview, Mo., Mrs. Mary McCormack of Essex, George Cruse of Detroit, Batton Cruse of Bly, Ore., and Charles Cruse of Campbell.

Services were held Monday morning at the home of the son, conducted by the Rev. Sally Massie of the Church of God, Cape Girardeau, and interment with Welch services was in the Morley Cemetery.

The Standard force, their wives, their husbands and their sweethearts were entertained at the editor's home Saturday evening with a turkey dinner.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schwieter, Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Shell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Miss Veretta Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Jr., Miss Dorothy Dover, Avelle Williams, Ed Edelen, John Latham, H. C. Blanton and David Blanton.

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Celery, Stuffed Olives
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Cranberry Sauce
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Creamed Irish Potatoes
Peas
Scalloped Oysters
Suet Pudding
Hard Sauce
Coffee

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A report to the State Patrol said the men might have gone to Commerce. Officers began their investigation at 6 a. m. The tip about Commerce was fruitless, but after further inquiry it was learned Jolly had the brother at Oran. Officers located the home, but when they knocked on the bedroom door it was locked and no one answered. They smashed the door and found the two sitting up in bed. The suspects said they were asleep and had only been awakened by the splintering of the door.

Burke and Jolly told officers they had lost money at the tavern and returned to get it, obtaining more, too. They said the sum taken was around a hundred dollars and that they spent it the night before. They came to Oran in a 1933 Chevrolet belonging to Mrs. Burke. The prisoners were taken to the Benton jail for fingerprinting and to await transfer to Cairo by Alexander County authorities. They waived extradition.

Mrs. Mary Cruse, 94 Years Old, Dies at Vanduser

Mrs. Mary Ann Cruse, 94 years old, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her son, Joe Cruse, at Vanduser. Death was attributed to infirmities.

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Kiwanis Hears Pastor, Organizes Committees

Reverend R. S. Rains, the pastor of the Christian Church, was the speaker at the dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Sikeston on Friday evening.

Reverend Rains took as his subject, "Dividing the Increase." He showed that the United States had been exceptionally blessed with material goods; and that of many of the comforts and conveniences of life, we had an excess above all the other peoples of the world. He also showed that with this excess, the American people were liberal in dividing their blessings with those less fortunate. Everyone listened attentively to his talk.

At the meeting of the chairman of the different committees immediately following, the following committees were organized:

Agriculture and Public Affairs—John A. Suterfield, chairman; J. S. Keil, Sayers Tanner, LeRoy Lee and E. R. Putnam.

Kiwanis Education and Inter-Club Relations—Geo. W. Kirk, chairman; L. M. Standley and Earl Allen.

Wrecked On Curve

Car That Ran Toll House Overturns at Bertrand Corner

Two oil field workers en route from the Illinois wells to Texas ran into a series of misadventures Saturday, beginning when they "ran" the toll house at the Cairo bridge and ending at least temporarily when their overturned car on Highway 60 at Gaty's corner at the south edge of Bertrand.

C. R. Gomillion, 40, of Neosho, Mo., driving a 1938 Plymouth coupe purchased new in Minnesota a few days ago, and J. A. Robertson, 42, of Woodlawn, Ill., failed to stop at the toll house. They were caught at Charleston by an officer and the fare paid.

At Bertrand, driving at a fast rate, they failed to round the sharp turn in the highway and their automobile rolled over, coming to a rest upside down. Right behind them were State Troopers John Tandy and V. P. Boisabun. Rushing to their aid, the patrolmen found the two upside down in the overturned car, unable to move because the loosened seat was holding them down. The troopers helped them out, righted the car, and the men were able to drive it to Sikeston, although the top was badly smashed, the fenders broken and the right headlight smashed. The wreck occurred at 7 p. m.

The men said they failed to see the sign warning of the sharp turn because they were passing another car at the moment. They said to the patrolmen when taken from the car, "I guess you're looking for us. We ran the toll house but paid in Charleston."

They explained they thought there was a toll house on the west side of the bridge, as at Cape Girardeau.

At the same curve a year ago last summer the same two patrolmen were just behind Clem Council of Diehlstadt when his car failed to make the turn. He was fatally injured.

Milton Mann of New Madrid Dies

Milton Mann, prominent New Madrid business man, died at 10 o'clock Sunday night of a heart ailment which he had suffered for some time. Born in New Madrid, Mr. Mann was a member of one of the old families there. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Mann. With his brother, William, he was engaged in wholesale and retail business in the general store founded by his father. His wife is Mrs. Adelle Newsom Mann. He was connected with the early New Madrid families of Butler and O'Bann. Rites will be Wednesday morning at the Catholic Church in New Madrid.

Postoffice Open Saturdays

The postoffice will be open all day on Saturday, Dec. 17, and Saturday, Dec. 24, it was announced by Acting Postmaster Pleas Malcolm. It is customary for the postoffice to be closed on Saturday afternoons, but it is remaining open to accommodate Christmas mailers.

Vocational Guidance and Business Standards—Geo. L. Hale, chairman; R. A. Harper, F. E. Mount, O. N. Watts, Tanner Dye and Hans Baasch.

Boys, Girls and Underprivileged Children—Bartley Schwieger, chairman; W. E. Hollingsworth, John L. Taylor and Lee McDougal.

Program and Music—R. A. Harper, chairman; Geo. W. Kirk, L. M. Standley and W. P. Wilkerson.

Attendance, Classification and Membership—Prince McDougal, chairman; M. S. Tomerlin, E. O. DeField, J. A. Mocabee and F. E. Mount.

House, Reception, and Publicity—B. L. McMullin, chairman; B. R. Schwieger, R. T. Couey, Lee McDougal, F. E. Mount and B. T. Brothers.

Support of Churches in Their Spiritual Aims—John L. Taylor, chairman; C. H. Denman, V. McDougal and John Suterfield.

The meeting next Friday night will be held at the Marshall Hotel with Melvin Dace of the Highway Patrol as the speaker.

Claim Negro Shot Five

Police Holding Henry Jones; Crimes Said to Have Been in South

City police Saturday night arrested a negro living in Sunset Addition, going by the name of Henry Jones, who according to information received may have shot five persons in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Chief of Police Walter Kendall and Assistant Chief Claude McManus arrested Jones, 52, at a cafe in Sunset. On his person a .38 pistol was found. He was booked on a technical charge of carrying concealed weapons while officers and the State Patrol are investigating the alleged shooting, four of which are supposed to have been fatal.

According to word given the police, Jones was said to have slain the father of his wife at Louise, Miss. Later, it was stated he escaped from a Mississippi prison, made his way to Eldorado, Ark., where he allegedly shot the white foreman of an oil company and also a negro woman he was living with. The foreman was badly shot, it was related, but it is not known if he died. Afterward, at Brinkley, Ark., Jones was alleged to have slain another negro woman and a 3-year-old child.

Taken to the Benton jail, Jones denied the charges. An investigation is under way.

Jones had been living here 11 years, it was stated, and worked for a long time at the Shoe Factory.

High School Library Revamped

The library of Sikeston High School has been rearranged to provide better service for the students and to provide room for reading tables and a magazine rack.

The library, a separate room at one end of the study hall, has been divided into the sections, half for the custodian and book shelves and the other half for reading tables. Formerly, the shelves occupied both spaces and students were not admitted into the room, receiving their books over a counter to the study hall. Under the new arrangement, there is ample room for books in the half-space. Two tables, formerly used in laboratory work, have had new surfaces placed on them and are capable of accommodating eight students each. A large magazine rack contains 25 different periodicals.

A room at the north end of the hall on the third floor, used as an office year before last and a classroom last year, has been vacated to be used as a utility room. Debaters may practice in it, the student publication, can be published there.

Students under Raymond Palm, manual arts instructor, are making rapid headway with tables, racks and many other furniture pieces, some of them of intricate design.

SODALITY TO ELECT

Election of officers for the ensuing year will be held Tuesday night at the meeting of St. Ann's Sodality at the Catholic Hall. All members are requested to attend the meeting.

Entitled To Jobless Claims

Those Who Worked Minimum Periods In 1933 Eligible

"The State of Missouri will begin paying unemployment benefits in January, 1939, to workers who have become unemployed during 1938 through no fault of their own," according to E. R. Ryan, chief interviewer here for the Missouri State Employment Service.

"With certain exceptions, all persons who have worked for employers hiring eight or more workers come under the Unemployment Compensation Act. To be eligible for benefits, workers must meet the following general requirements:

ELIGIBLE FOR CLAIMS

"Persons working for a covered employer who were paid on a weekly basis must have worked at least three weeks in 1938, while those paid on a monthly basis must have completed at least one month of employment in that year.

"The first step toward qualifying for unemployment benefits is to register for work at an office of the Missouri State Employment Service."

The employment office at Sikeston serves four counties—Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi and New Madrid. Since only Scott has a local office, itinerant service has been planned for the convenience of claimants living in those counties.

Before any claims for unemployment compensation are actually taken, claimants will be given an opportunity to receive an appointment for a definite date on which to file their original claim. Dates and places for the service:

DATES AND PLACES

Scott County—Missouri State Employment Service office, 124 North Kingshighway, Sikeston, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Stoddard County—City collector's office, Dexter, on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29.

Mississippi County—Courthouse, Charleston, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 30 and 31.

New Madrid County—City hall, New Madrid, and city hall, at Portageville, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 30 and 31.

"If you have a claim for compensation, be sure to call at your local office named above on the dates given," according to Mr. Ryan. "At that time you will be given a definite date upon which to file your initial claim. Thereafter, it will be necessary for you to report to that place each week during the life of your claim."

Ashley's Reopen In New Location

Ashley's Ice Cream Co. announce the re-opening of their place at its new location, 117 East Malone Avenue, the spot formerly occupied by the Joyner Tavern, which moved to the former Ashley location two doors east. Ashley's are featuring brand new equipment throughout, the famous Ashley ice cream, fountain and sandwich service. Booths have been installed, and curb service and delivery are in effect.

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Two With False Coin Arrested

Pair Seized in City, In Stolen Car, Have Counterfeit Money

Two men in a stolen Tennessee automobile, who happened to pass the Highway 60-61 intersection here Saturday night at the moment Trooper Pete Scott of Kennett drew up, were arrested by the state patrolmen and face further charges of counterfeiting. One man is an escaped convict.

Sergeant R. R. Reed of the Patrol said the pair had in their possession \$10 worth of spurious half-dollars, quarters and dimes. A patrol radio broadcast had announced that two men in a stolen automobile, a 1938 Chevrolet coach, had been passing counterfeit money in this section. The license number on the car had been given, and the two neglected to change the plates.

SCOTT GOING HOME

Trooper Scott was en route from Cape Girardeau, where he attended a hearing, to his headquarters in Kennett. He passed through the Sikeston downtown and drove east to the intersection. As he pulled to a stop, he saw the wanted car pass, going north. He drove after it and overtook it at Tanner Avenue. The men surrendered without resistance.

Here's Some Of The Reasons "Ichy's" Modern Barber Shop is Growing—Dandruff—Steammaster Oil Treatment Machine—Violet Ray Treatments—Electric Lather Mixers, No Brushes—Hot Air Heat—Latest, Comfortable Equipment—Telephone 303—Clean, Individual Steamed Towels—Willard Parks, Jesse Hamby, Luther Stropp, Ike Parks.

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The editor of the Cash-Book wonders if he is getting dumber as the years pass. This paper supported Amendment No. 6 in the last election being conscientiously of the opinion that a 3-cent gasoline tax was necessary to maintain and expand our state highway system. We note that the federal government will appropriate \$4,654,000 for Missouri highways, and if there is sufficient state funds to match this amount we were wrong, if there is not we hope the coming Legislature will fix a 5-cent tax on gasoline to raise the needed amount.—Jackson Cash-Book.

A number of small boys in this city is being used by some man to dispose of copies of the Saturday Evening Post a week after they have been on the market at Newsstands and distributed by mail. This man should cut this out and return old copies to the Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia. Guess he thinks buyers will take these old magazines through sympathy for the kids.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

Rastus: "What all did he doctuh say's de matter wid you?"
Liza: "He says I's sufferin' from acute indiscretion."

Employee (speaking to his boss on the phone) "But sir, I've only had a week's vacation. Don't you think I'm entitled to another five days of grace?"
Employer: "My boy, that dam'll be the ruin of you."

An insurance salesman tells about a valuable wardrobe which his firm insured for a client during a European trip. Upon reaching London she wired: "Gown lifted in London." After due deliberation he sent this reply: "What do you think our policy covers?"

He had dined very well and was doing his best to fit his key into the lock, singing a happy song meanwhile. After a time a head looked out of the window above. "Go away, you fool!" cried a man upstairs. "You're trying to get into the wrong house."
"Fool yourself!" shouted the man below, indignantly. "You're looking out of the wrong window."—Jackson Cash-Book.

Mrs. J. V. Conran of New Madrid was a Sikeston visitor Thursday afternoon.

Virgin Forests Along Proposed River Road

Ste. Genevieve, Dec. 4.—If the 2000-mile Mississippi River Scenic Highway which Governors and civic organizations of several states are now proposing, ever becomes a reality, a virgin forest of Eastern Missouri forest land comprising thousands of acres will be opened to nature lovers.

The section, known to Ste. Genevieve and Jefferson County residents as the River Hills, runs parallel to the Mississippi River from Rush Tower, a small settlement in Jefferson County, to Ste. Genevieve and has an average elevation of 200 feet above the riverbed.

HEAVILY FORESTED

The area, heavily forested and rolling, has succumbed to only one invasion of progress. Thirty-five years ago the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad built its track at the foot of the towering limestone bluffs but its construction has made but slight inroads upon its virgin state.

Old residents, somewhat familiar with the area, say that it contains an abundance of wild game, and that it is one of the most active natural deer sanctuaries in the State. Also they say that other forms of wild life, including such predatory animals as bobcats and wolves abound in these wooded hills. The land has been posted against hunting because hunters unfamiliar with the section can become lost in the unbroken forests, and many of the owners of the land have sought to maintain it as a sanctuary for wild life. A number of years ago a movement was started here to offer the section to the Game and Fish Department for a State Park, but nothing came of the attempt.

CAVE OPENING ON FACE OF CLIFF

Possibly the most historic natural land-mark in the entire area is Simm's Cave, situated about seven miles north of Ste. Genevieve. This limestone formation, opening in the face of the bluff 70 feet above ground can only be entered by a person lowering himself with a rope to the mouth of the cave. The cavern is said to be vast but few have ever attempted to explore it. A newspaper found by Thomas A. Rozier several years ago, dated Jan. 10, 1854, reports that Capt. Edward Gray of the Steamer Flag was lost three days in the cave. In his account he describes an immense room, a quarter of a mile long, with vaulted ceiling, where foot-sore and hungry, he awaited either death or his rescuers.

The proposed road, as Ste. Genevieve citizens envision it, would be so situated as to give the motorist ample views of the river over the entire 30-mile route between Crystal City and Ste. Genevieve. Parks for the convenience of the traveling public would be built at intervals along the highway.

Should the road be constructed,

THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE

His Bluff Is Called



Dear Santa—

Dec. 8, 1938
Sikeston, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I have been good most of the year. For Christmas I want a Betsy-Wetsy doll, a set of dishes, a black-board, some nuts, candy and fruit. My little sister is three years old she wants the same thing. I have a little brother this year so don't forget him and don't forget my mother, daddy, grandmother and grandfather.
Jackie Sue Heath.

It is said that it will follow the contour of the hill in an effort to make it as scenic as possible and to discourage commercial travel along the route.

119 North Frisco St.
Sikeston, Mo.
Dec. 10, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bottle of hair oil and a tooth brush and bring my mother something nice and also my father, bring my little sister a doll my brother a truck and a shovel.

Your truly
Everett Marion Masters
Miss Allens room
Grade 4
Sikeston, Mo.

Dearest Santa:

I thought I would write to you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I am 11 years old, and in the 6 grade in school. For Christmas I want a First Aid Kit. A Billcap and scarf. A new skirt. Nuts, apples, candy.
Your Friend,
Betty Jo Manly.

Roosevelt Extends The Civil Service

One of the most important recent acts of the Roosevelt administration, concerning which little

has been paid, has been the extension and improvement of the Civil Service.

By executive orders of June 24, 1938, the President strengthened the merit system by extending competitive civil service requirements, as to February 1, 1939, to more than 100,000 positions heretofore exempted from it.

The orders apply to all positions in the executive branch of the Government not now in the classified service except those expressly excepted by statute and those requiring confirmation by the Senate.

This extension will do much toward improving official service in the national government.

An increase of 7.9 per cent in St. Louis department store sales for the four weeks ending November 19, compared with the corresponding period last year was reported by the Federal Reserve Bank. Sales in the four weeks in the eight cities which make up the Federal Reserve District were 5.7 per cent greater than during the same period in 1937.

Rural News From New Madrid County Extension Bureau

Leslie A. Broom, Agent

WATCH FOR MICE

The general complaint over the county is that mice were never known to be so numerous. At this time of year they migrate to the buildings and fix up a nest for the winter. The building selected is frequently the house here they will do a great deal of damage if care is not taken to guard against it. Just last week a woman in the county had a new coat ruined, two holes being gnawed in the back, another woman reports the covering was gnawed off the buttons on one of her dresses. Any clothing or other fabrics that is packed away if not in mouse proof container should be looked after frequently this winter, says Anne Sillers, home demonstration agent. Traps, poison or a good cat will help keep them in control.

TIME TO CHECK VITAMIN D

Winter with its short dark days and its usual supply of cloudy foggy weather is here. And with it comes the need for extra consideration for a supply of vitamin D, the vitamin that plays its part in good development of teeth and bones and in the prevention of rickets in children.

Only a few foods naturally contain this vitamin in important quantities. Many foods, however, and also the human skin, contain

small particles of wax like substance which are changed into vitamin D when exposed to the ultra violet rays of the sun. On winter days we can not count on the sunshine. So it must be supplied in some other way.

There are only a few foods that are excellent sources of vitamin D, says Anne Sillers, home demonstration agent. They are fish liver oils, egg yolk, butter, salmon and sardines.

With so few chances to supply enough vitamin D in the foods that are used in the diet of the young child it is recommended that "every child under two years of age should have two teaspoons of cod-liver oil, or an equivalent amount of vitamin D from some other source daily during the winter months. It is desirable for many children to continue taking cod-liver oil throughout childhood, to insure a good bone and tooth structure."

DEER KILLED ON COMMERCE ROAD NEAR BENTON

Monday morning about 8:30 a deer jumped into the middle of the Commerce-Benton road in front of a gravel truck occupied by Wm. Hawkins and Raymond Hale, who were going back to the gravel pit. The deer, weighing about 130 pounds, started to leave the roadway up an incline and collided with a wire fence. Failing to get through or over the animal made another lunge and broke its neck.

Mr. Kawkins came to town and got in touch with Game Warden Frank I. Jones at Charleston and he came and took charge of the carcass.

It's been some years since deer roamed around over Scott county and just how or why this one was here is not known.—Benton Democrat.

MUCH TIFF SHIPPED FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY

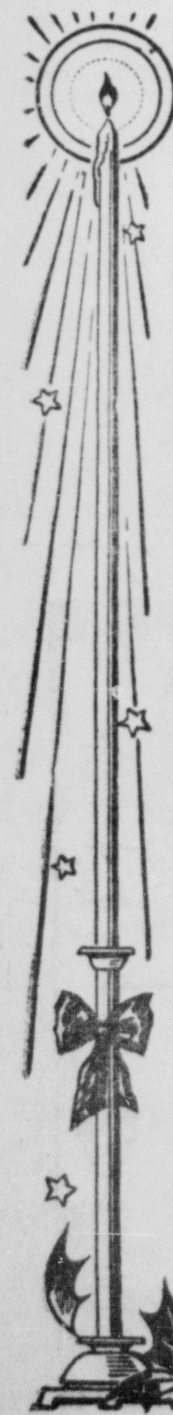
Since the beginning of the mining of baryta (tiff) in Washington County, it is conservatively estimated that there has been 24,000,000 pounds of tiff shipped from Washington County. This would make 300,000 car loads of 80,000 pounds to a car. If this number of cars could be put in one train, it would make a train 2830 miles long, reaching from New York to San Francisco, and if this tiff were sold on an average of \$7.00 per ton, the total value would be \$84,000,000. Tiff has been mined in Washington County for more than sixty years and there still appears to be an abundant supply.—Potosi Independent.

CARD OF THANKS

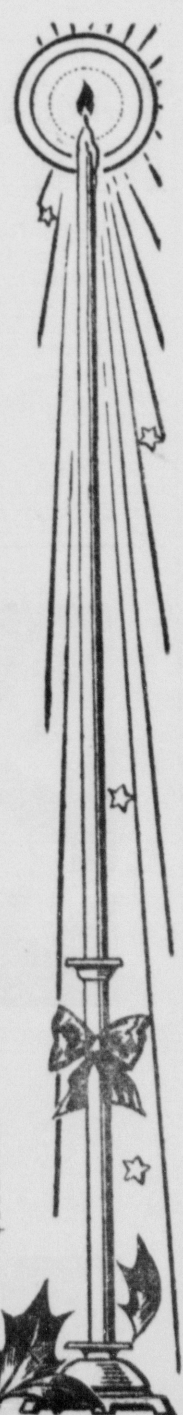
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends for their kindness and sympathy extended to us during the illness and death of our father and grandfather, Thomas Richard Nolen. We are especially grateful for the many beautiful floral offerings, to the Sikeston Baptist girls' quartet, for their music, to Rev. Margraves for his comforting message and to the McMullin Community Club for serving dinner.—The Children and Families.

LENNOX GOODWILL CLUB

The Lennox Goodwill Club met at the home of Mrs. Omer Hubble. The project was for "Better Breakfast," directed by Ollie Kennedy assisted by Ella Fikuart. The next meeting is to be held at the Lennox School, Jan. 12, 1939. The project will be on "Rugs." We sure do enjoy our club meetings.
Essie Denton, reporter.



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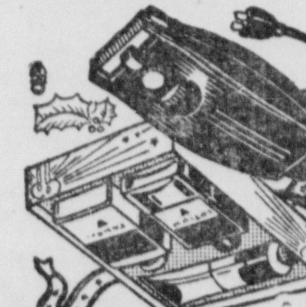
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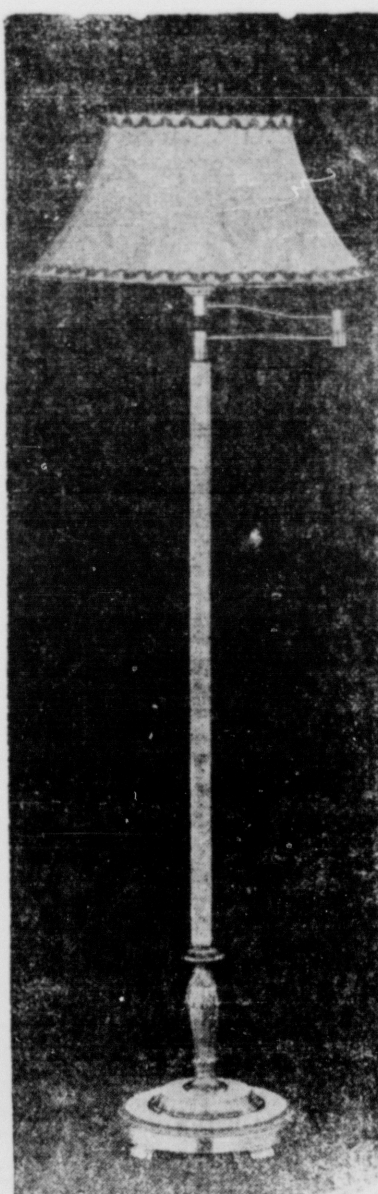


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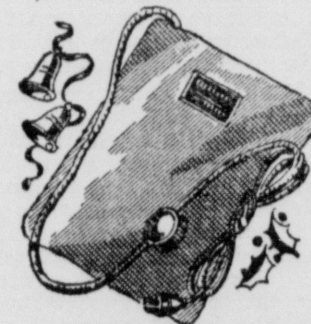
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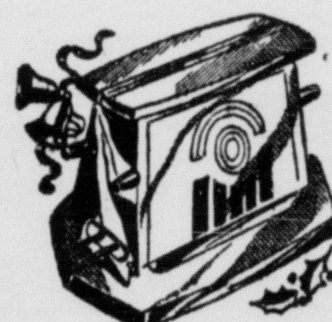
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Hoop Play This Week

Bulldogs to Cape
Thursday, Canolou
Comes Here Friday

Basketball for the Bulldogs gets under way this week when Coach Vernon Green takes his untied squad to Cape Girardeau Thursday night for an engagement with the Central High School Tigers of Coach Lou Muegge. On the following night, Friday, Canolou High School comes here for the first home game.

The Bulldogs won both games against Cape Central last year, but at the beginning of the same season fell before Canolou by a narrow margin. Cape plays a return game here Jan. 12.

The schedule for the season finds 17 games for Coach Green's courtmen, exclusive for the Scott, Mississippi and district tournaments. They are:

Dec. 15—Cape Central, away.
Dec. 16—Canolou, here.
Dec. 20—Alumni, here.
Dec. 23—Kewanee, here.
Jan. 3—Gideon, here.
Jan. 6—Fruitland, here.
Jan. 12—Cape, here.
Jan. 13—Poplar Bluff, away.
Jan. 17—Jackson, away.
Jan. 20—Charleston, here.
Jan. 24—Cairo, away.
Jan. 27—Caruthersville, away.
Jan. 31—New Madrid, here.
Feb. 3—Jackson, here.
Feb. 10—Charleston, away.
Feb. 14—Doniphan, here.
Feb. 17—Poplar Bluff, here.
Feb. 22-24—Scott-Mississippi Tourney.

March 2-4—Regional Tourney.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton went to Memphis, Tenn. Monday morning to spend several days.

Fountaineers Win Thriller

Hollingsworth's Fountaineers won a thriller Thursday night at New Madrid, defeating the independent basketball team there, 28-27, in a game with a see-saw lead of a few points all along.

The victory gives the Sikeston independents a record of two wins and two losses for the season. Last Tuesday a healthy Randles quintet rushed past the Fountaineers, 50-53, and on Dec. 3 the locals dropped a narrow one at Vanduser, 36-33. The Fountaineers opened their season Nov. 19 with a 36-33 victory over Canolou.

On Monday the Fountaineers go to Kewanee, and the following Thursday to New Madrid to play the CCC Swamp Angels. The local squad is now composed of Ray Bandy, Robert Lee, Red Davis, Ruppert Counts, Carl Eaton and Bill Ellis.

TRANSPORT TRUCK AND CAR COLLIDE

A large transport truck loaded with new Oldsmobile automobiles collided at 8 p. m. Friday with a Sikeston car on Highway 61 at Lake Street. The car, driven by Mrs. J. W. Mochette, was crossing the highway east on Lake. The transport, headed south, struck the rear end of the automobile, breaking a wheel and smashing a fender. A bumper of the truck was broken. No one was hurt. With Mrs. Mochette was Mrs. R. C. Honeycutt. The truck was driven by Roy Scott, who came from Lansing, Mich.

FOOTBALL QUEEN

Football players of the High School last week elected Miss Ruth Hollingsworth football queen.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

★ PICTORIAL PREVIEW ★

WITH the extremely undressed dresses of the winter season, wear a tiny modesty jacket of a sharp, contrasting color if you feel chilly or have inhibitions.



THIS jacket, from the January Pictorial Review, shrouds your locks and keeps that ravishing hair-do from blowing to bits before you get to the party.



Jefferson County Organized in 1818

Only ten years after the founding of St. Louis, John Hilderbrand, a Frenchman, built his cabin near Saline creek and became the first white settler in the region that forty-four years later, on December 8, 1818, one hundred and twenty years ago this week, was organized as Jefferson, Missouri's 8th county. Here, as early as 1776, when the region was a wild, practically uninhabited wilderness, the Spanish government began the opening of a trail, the "King's Trace," which extended across the county to Ste. Genevieve. John Clark, a Methodist minister, in 1798 preached what is said to have been the first Protestant sermon delivered west of the Mississippi River, at a large rock near the mouth of Joachim creek. Herculaneum, founded in 1809 by Moses Austin and Samuel Hammond, early became an important river shipping point for lead produced in the lead district of Washington County, and here also was erected in the fall of 1809 the first shot tower west of Pittsburgh. Shot "dropped" from this tower was used by General Jackson in the battle of New Orleans and played an important part in the history of Missouri and the great northwest.

Although the county was organized in 1818 the county court did not meet until October 1, 1821. This body granted permits to Elisha Ellis to keep a ferry on the Mississippi River at Herculaneum and to Lawson Lovering to operate a ferry on the Meramec River. By a county election in 1832 and by an act of the Missouri General Assembly in 1839, the county seat was moved from Herculaneum to Hillsboro.

Early settlers in Jefferson County were largely from Kentucky and Tennessee. Later this group was augmented by the arrival of German immigrants. Up to 1864 Democratic politics were in the ascendency, the Whigs only having been successful once, but beginning with that date the Republicans have won nine out of nineteen elections.

The county has a land area of 681 square miles and is one of twenty-five counties having a larger population in 1930 than in 1920—advancing during that decade from 26,555 to 27,563. Ninety per cent of the county's land surface indicates the presence of mineral deposits, among these zinc, lead, baryta, silica, pottery clay, tile clay and building stone. Iron, lead and zinc exist in considerable quantities, and Crystal City is the seat of one of the nation's large plate glass industries. Sixty-seven per cent of the county's land is classified as agricultural, corn, wheat, live stock rais-

ing and dairying being the leading agricultural enterprises. Fifty-three per cent of the population in 1930 was rural.

A road building program was developed as early as 1819 and from 1869 to 1882 the county constructed fifty-four miles of gravel road. The St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad was completed through the county in 1858, and today the county is crossed by three railways, federal highways 61 and 67, and state highway 30. The first telegraph built west of the Mississippi River crossed Jefferson County in 1850.

An early interest in education is evident from the establishment by Benjamin Johnson of the first school on Sandy Creek about 1806. Soon after De Soto became a town



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Basketball Scores

Friday:
Diehlstadt 33, Benton, 7.
Anniston 23, Vanduser 17.
Kewanee 16, New Madrid 14.
Fruitland 15, Advance 12.
Randles 32, Fornelt 11.
Ilmo 29, Delta 25.

WILMA RIDDLE, ROY DUFF MARRIED

Miss Wilma Riddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Riddle, and Roy Duff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duff, both of Sikeston, were married Saturday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, in the Charleston Methodist parsonage with the Rev. Mr. Allison, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The bride's parents were the only attendants.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Riddle entertained for the couple with a wedding dinner and reception to which 64 guests were invited.

The young couple will make their home in Sikeston.

FIRE BADLY DAMAGES LOCAL TEACHERS' HOME

Miss Edna Howard, teacher in the Bailey School here, received word Thursday that her home in Cape Girardeau was badly damaged by fire. The residence, a two-story building occupied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howard and a brother, Tom Howard, was damaged in excess of \$1500, the flames burning off the roof and three upstairs rooms. A spark from a chimney is believed to have caused the fire.

In 1857 the De Soto Academy was established and continued to operate until about 1861. After the war the system of district schools was introduced and is in use at the present time, although the immediate trend is toward consolidation.

The first newspaper, The Herald, was founded at De Soto in 1859. The county now has eleven newspapers, four of which are published at De Soto, three at Festus, two at Hillsboro, and one each at Crystal City and Herculaneum.

Among the county's distinguished sons was Thomas C. Fletcher, who was Missouri's first native born governor and also the first Republican to be elected to that office.

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German on Mat Card

Count Von Bromberg.
Only 3 Months From
Fatherland, Coming

Count Von Bromberg, who is so fresh from Germany he still has sauerkraut hanging to his vest, will be the feature of the Legion wrestling matches at the armory Wednesday night.

Bromberg, whose home is listed as Berlin and who is said to have spent but three months in the United States, weighs 190 pounds. He looks like a count ought to look, smart mustache, dagger goatee, close-ropped hair. His opponent will be Lee Meyers, the Texas boy who is of German descent himself. So it will be one Dutchman vs. another. Meyers likewise weighs 190 pounds.

Bob Martin, the Lilbourn youth of 178 pounds, will try some hugging with Tony Popalino, of Portugal. Tony is registered at 181. Martin in his first appearance here two weeks ago was paired with Lee Meyers against Charles Sinkey and Benny Bolt. In a one-round battle that followed the team wrestling, Martin succumbed to the speedy Indian, Bolt.

CLIFFORD SEIMERS HURT BY BLAST

Mrs. H. F. Hildreth of this city was called to Kennett Sunday by the serious injury of her grandson, Clifford Seimers, 27-year-old foreman of the Kennett Construction Co., who was caught by a blast of explosives. He had placed the first charge and was fixing the second when the first went off. He was badly disfigured and an eye was put out. Mr. Seimers is married and is a nephew of Mrs. Gord Dill and Mrs. Guy Carter of Sikeston. He formerly lived here.

SISTERS HERE ON INSPECTION VISIT

Mother Mary Killion, mother provincial of the Sisters of Mercy, and Mother Clementine, were here from St. Louis Saturday at the St. Francis Xavier School on their annual inspection visit.

Mrs. Alma Harris visited in Jackson from Saturday to Monday with her sister, Mrs. Alvin Kneibert.

Catherine Ann Cook Given Scholarship

Catherine Ann Cook was unanimously tendered an \$800 scholarship at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill., after an audition Saturday. Miss Cook, a senior at Sikeston High School, played at 4 a. m., soon after arriving at the school. Although slightly wearied by the trip, her violin playing drew the compliments of the listeners. She was accompanied on the trip by Esther Jane Greer, Mary Louise Montgomery and Helen Fisher.

MAN ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Clarence Edward "Salty" Salikil, athlete who until recently worked at the grain inspection office here, was arrested by the State Patrol Sunday night at New Madrid and taken to the Benton jail to await a hearing on a forgery charge. It is alleged he signed the name of "R. W. Jones" of Dexter on a \$10 check to a Dexter Bank, cashing it at a local drug store. The Patrol said Salikil was released July 4 from the Hutchinson, Kans., reformatory. He is wanted on check charges at Springfield and Joplin. Lately he has been working at loading barges at New Madrid. He has taken part in boxing matches at Morehouse and played in all-star football here.

Two Enter Prison for Pension Fraud

Jefferson City, December 10.—Virgil L. Medling of Campbell, Mo., and Charles L. Finnegan, Jefferson City, began serving five and three year sentences, respectively, in the State Penitentiary today after formal sentencing on forgery charges in connection with the looting of the State Blind Pension Fund.

Medling, 39, former blind pension clerk in the State Auditor's office, and Finnegan, 49, a typewriter salesman, pleaded guilty October 5. They were sentenced by Circuit Judge Nike G. Sevier. The court gave them until today to wind up their affairs. Judge Sevier refused today to entertain pleas for paroles by the men.

The entire loss to the fund, \$9600, was recovered by the State through insurance protection.

Mrs. Florence Marshall and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall of Blodgett spent Monday in Cape Girardeau.

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Ralston Wheat Cereal contains many of the food elements necessary for growth in children, for bone building, and teeth. For grown-ups, who do hard work at desks or out-of-doors, it meets with toast and coffee or cocoa, it surely is a complete and satisfying breakfast for cold mornings.

Mrs. Leo F. Beckett will entertain her club Friday afternoon with a Christmas party.



1939 Oldsmobile Six Series 60 Four-Door Trunk Sedan

Sikeston Personal News

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

Mrs. W. C. Holly returned Saturday morning from Memphis, Tenn., where she was called the preceding Monday by the illness and death of Marvin Cordell Jr., ten months old son of her niece, Mrs. Marvin Cordell Sr. and Mr. Cordell. The child died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis Wednesday morning and interment at Newport, Ark. Friday.

The condition of Mrs. J. W. Schreff, who has been ill the past week, is some improved. Her daughter, Mrs. Wayne DeLisle and little daughter of Portageville, are staying with her while she is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn had as guests Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungan and son of Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seimle and daughter of Cape Girardeau.

Miss Mary Jane Sikes, Miss Mary Catherine Boyer and Gus Zacher spent week end in Columbia and attended fraternity dances. Miss Sikes was the guest of Charles Tanner and Miss Boyer was G. C. Baker Jr.'s guest.

Dave Kevill of Shreveport, La. is visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Kevill, this week.

Mrs. Ted Kirby entertained twelve guests at a chili luncheon Saturday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Barrett, on North Kingshighway. Cards were played during the afternoon.

Caleb Smith, who has been confined to his room with influenza for a week, is improving but still unable to be out of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Davey and daughter Miss Ellen, were dinner guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Davey's brother, Leslie Pate and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan spent Sunday as guests of the later's cousin, Dr. H. O. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, at their home in Anna, Ill.

J. R. Harwell and Ray Addulle returned Sunday from Chicago where they attended the National convention of Auto Parts Dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mow are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Saturday afternoon at Southeast Missouri Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and six ounces.

Among those from out-of-town who attended the funeral of Mrs. E. J. Malone, Sr., Sunday afternoon were, Mrs. Ida Van Ausdale and her granddaughter of Caruthersville, Rolland Bridges and son Frank Bridges of Carbondale, Ill. and Charles Davis of Collinsville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Leech and Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Goetz visited Mrs. Lowell Greer at St. Francis Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hedden went to St. Louis Monday to attend the Implement Dealers' Con-

vention. They expect to return Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Reuber and Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson spent Saturday night and Sunday in Jefferson City. Dr. Reuber attended a meeting of Osteopaths at the Missouri Hotel there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harty will go to St. Louis Thursday to meet their daughter, Miss Eleanor Harty, a student at Fairmont College, Washington, D. C., who will accompany them home Friday to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mary Louise Jones was honored with a surprise birthday party given for her last Thursday by Martha Lee Portlock at the home of the honoree's aunt, Mrs. Glenn Fish. Those present were Mary Ann Lankford, Mable Elizabeth Greenlee, Betty Jean Buckles, Martha Mae Lathom, Billie Frances Dorrough, Elizabeth Jean Wagner, Mary Madeline Scillian, Loveta Forister, Ruth Ann Middleton, Kathryn Lois Ellis, Martha Lee Portlock, Margaret Elizabeth Jones, Mary Louise Jones and mother, Mrs. Anna Jones.

Mrs. C. T. Swannagon and daughter, Mary Lou, and Carol Jane Trousdale spent last week in St. Louis visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Kathryn Trousdale. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Mayfield entertained with a family dinner

Last Assets Of Sikeston Trust Sold

Special Deputy J. S. Wallace for the State Finance Commission sold at auction Monday the remaining assets of the Sikeston Trust Company, consisting of \$21,000 in notes that brought \$461, and a lot on New Street (Out Block 30), that brought \$170. The sales are subject to court approval.

Sunday at their home on West Center Street. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Klein, Miss Camille Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein and two children, Evelyn and Jean, Mrs. Jane Mills, Mrs. M. Davis and Miss Mayme Marshall.

The business outlook for St. Louis is "very promising"—that was the forecast made in the Missouri metropolis recently by Ralph B. Wilson, vice president of Babson's Reports, Inc. "General business in St. Louis is now about 50 per cent above the low point of the depression," Wilson said. "Based on current information we should expect to see the first quarter of 1939 top the first quarter of 1938 by about 10 per cent. The 1939 national farm income will be \$7,625,000,000, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates. This is an increase of \$125,000,000 over the last estimate, made public in August.

British Not to Consult U. S.

London, Dec. 6.—A government spokesman in the House of Lords turned aside today a suggestion that Britain seek the co-operation of the United States in retaliatory measures against a plan to protect foreign trade interests in China.

The Earl of Plymouth, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, gave an inconclusive reply when asked by Lord Elibank if the government would consult the United States on the matter.

Lord Plymouth said the government "do constantly keep in mind the question of consulting other governments with a view to the possibility of taking parallel action in order to protect our respective interests in China."

FOUR METHODS

Lord Elibank, who said he was not urging military retaliation, suggested four possible methods of hitting back at Japan economically:

Denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement of 1911 to exclude or reduce Japanese exports to British colonies.

Closing of Hongkong to Japanese ships and cargoes between Japan and South China.

Closing Indian and straits settlement ports to Japanese coastal shipping.

Withholding foreign exchange and credits for Japan and giving aid to China.

Lord Plymouth said Britain's position was governed by the nine-power treaty of 1922 in which Britain, Japan, the United States and six other powers pledged support for an open door to trade in China. Lord Plymouth said the government could not consider "any alteration in the position as viewed by the treaty."

Old-age pension seekers in Alaska—natives and white "sour-doughs" alike—are having difficulty proving themselves 65 years of age in order to qualify for the amounts. "The year of the big snow at Haines," and similar historic events support age affidavits.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Sharp, Mrs. G. H. Sharp and Mrs. Garwood Sharp, spent Monday in St. Louis.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

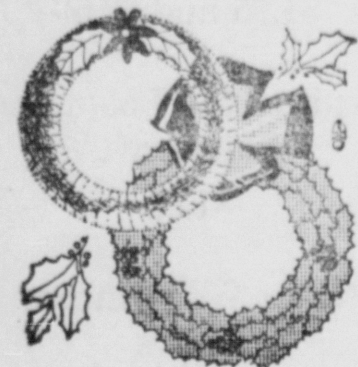
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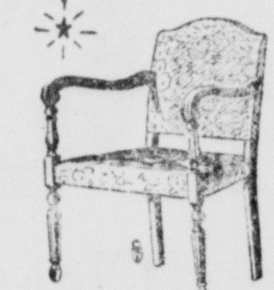
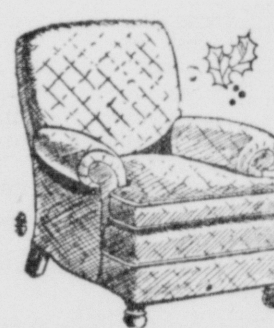
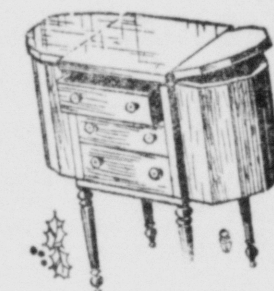
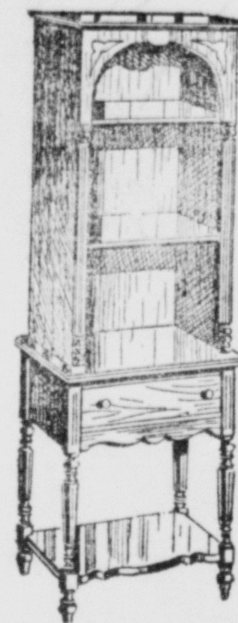
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Barton County Organized 83 Years Ago

Barton County, named for David Barton, Missouri senator who served from 1821 to 1831, was organized by act of the Missouri General Assembly on December 12, 1855, eighty-three years ago this week.

Few Missouri counties were more widely known four decades ago than Barton, situated in southwest Missouri on the Kansas border. George H. Walser, lawyer, land speculator and agnostic, organized and gave international publicity to a unique experiment in intellectual community living in Barton County, where he laid out the town of Liberal, established Liberal Normal School and Business Institute, and Free Thought University. He later became a convert to spiritualism and was influential in drawing a number of international conventions of spiritualists to the county.

The same factors which induced Walser to purchase 2,000 acres of land and invest a fortune in Barton County brought many settlers from Illinois and other northeast states. In 1860, five years after the county was organized, it had a population of 1,817, increasing during the next decade to over 5,000. By 1890, however, the county had reached its greatest population growth, and between 1890 and 1930, as in many rural Missouri counties, the number of inhabitants decreased. The county differs from most Ozark and central Missouri counties in that it drew its settlers from the northeast and divides its political allegiance quite equally between the Democratic and Republican parties.

Eighty-four per cent of the county's 596 square miles is classified as agricultural today, and 50

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per cent of the total is devoted to farm crops. It early took the lead as one of Missouri's chief hay producing counties, producing in 1936 more than twice as much as its closest competitor. Stock raising, especially horses and cattle, is a profitable agricultural enterprise in the country. It has rich coal deposits, in 1937 ranking sixth in the number of tons produced, fifth in the value of the product, and seventh in coal mining investments among Missouri's 114 counties.

Lamar, the county seat, was laid out in 1857 and named by Mrs. George E. Ward for an old Louisiana friend, Mirabeau B. Lamar, who had been president of Texas. Her husband, George E. Ward, a large Barton County land-holder and the donor of the land upon which the town stands, was the first business man and for a number of years its most enterprising citizen. The first court house was erected in 1858 and the first school in the county was taught about 1854, two miles south of Lamar. An interest in education is indicated, too, by the establishment, soon after the Civil War, of over eighty district schools, and improved transportation facilities together with a popular demand for greater educational opportunities seem to presage the disappearance of one room schools and the establishment of large well-equipped elementary, junior high and senior high schools.

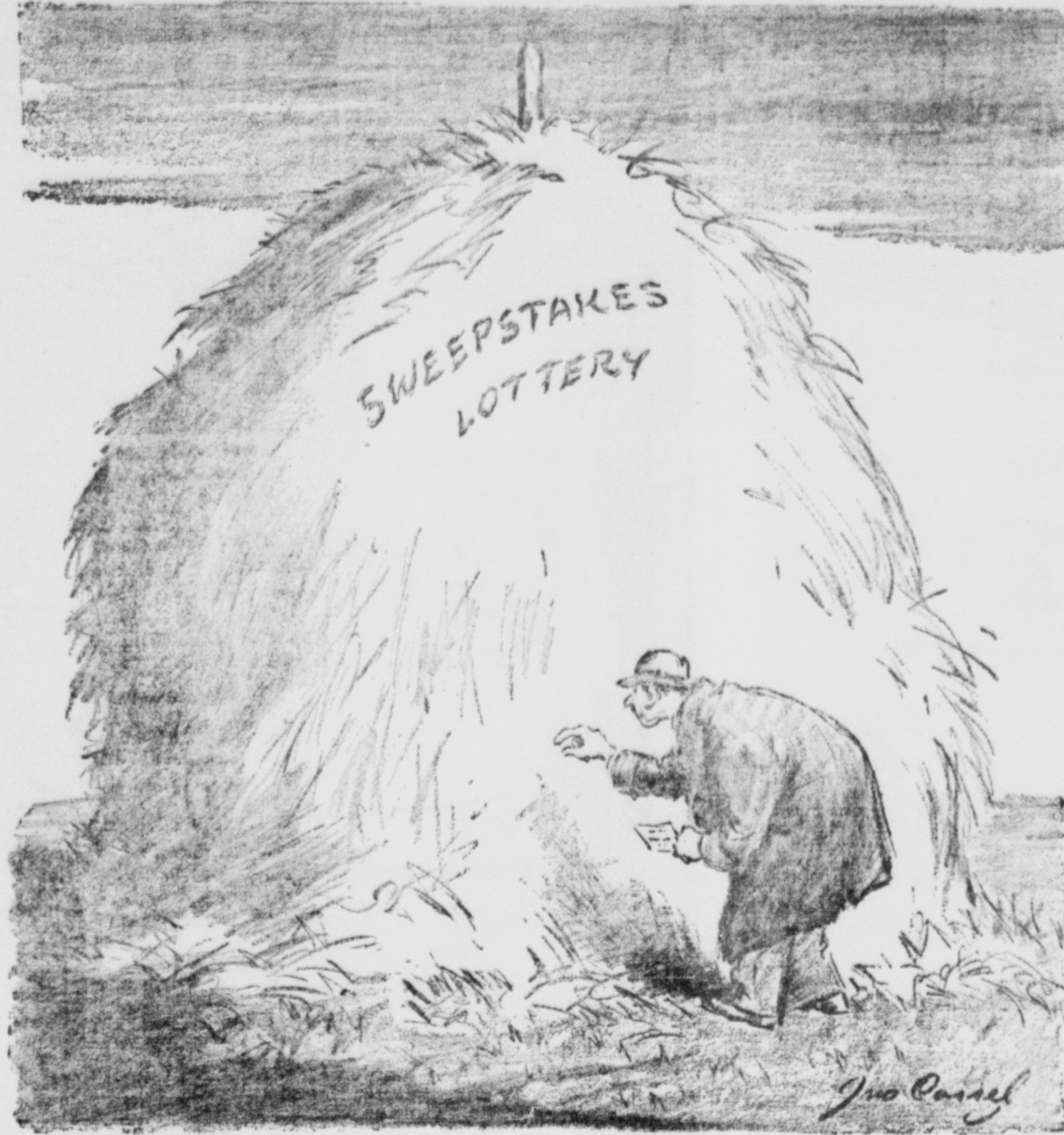
Barton County had its first railway built in 1890, and it is now crossed by three railways, federal highways 71 and 160, and state highway 43.

The first newspaper in the county, the Lamar Universe, was established before the Civil War. The Flag of the Free was founded in Lamar in 1867, while the Lamar Southwest Missourian was established a year later. In 1884 the county had seven papers, and today it has six: the Golden City Herald and Independent, the Lamar Democrat, Leader and Republican and the Liberal News.

MAN ARRESTED AND STATION ATTACHED

After Arkansas authorities took W. J. Ware, proprietor of the Dixie service station and cafe, to Blytheville the past week to answer charges of selling mortgaged property and issuing bad checks, two attachments on the place of business and a warrant on a check

THE NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK



Missouri's WPA Rolls Reduced In November, Matthew Murray Says

Jefferson City, Dec. 10.—Progressive increases in the national

count were filed here before Justice Wm. S. Smith.

Roy Seabaugh, who told police he sold part of the station equipment to Ware, said he continued to work at the place and that \$35 was due him. An attachment was levied on the stock and fixtures for this sum. A local oil company also attached the goods for a \$13.70 gasoline bill, and a local grocery store filed a warrant charging a \$15 check, on a Blytheville bank, was cashed by the firm but was returned marked insufficient funds.

Ware waived extradition and was taken to Blytheville to answer charges.

work relief rolls ordered last spring raised the number of Missouri WPA workers from 74,444 on March 2 to 116,680 on November 1. By December 1, amidst daily reports of business improvement, the state enrollment fell to 111,058, bringing it to the July 18 level, according to Matthew S. Murray, Missouri Works Progress Administrator.

The 1938 rise in WPA employment was interrupted in Missouri by a decrease of 1,273 workers in August and of 1,372 in September, due largely to the policy of requiring WPA workers to help harvest crops in localities where farm labor was not otherwise available. Thus Missouri was out of line with the national trend of WPA employment for two months. This was partly responsible for the increase of 4,277 in the state's WPA rolls in October, after the peak of the demand for farm labor had passed.

The October increase broke no

records. The biggest jump of the year in the Missouri rolls came in March, when 15,163 workers were added. Nor was the November drop of 5,622 workers unprecedented. That figure has been exceeded several times since the

Let It Be a Luxury Tax

A majority of the people voted, on November 8th, to add to the old age assistance rolls those above 65. By that vote thousands more will be paid pensions. That will take thousands of dollars additional from the state treasury because it costs money to pay pensions.

Where will we get the money? Probably the voters didn't think very heavily along that line while they were casting their ballots; but they, or someone for them, will have to do something about the matter, and before long.

We know that in some quarters an increase in the sales tax is being considered, but to that we are unalterably opposed. Until such time as a sales tax can replace all property tax, it is high enough.

And yet we know that more revenue must be raised if we are to increase our pension rolls.

The answer is, as we see it, a state tax on cigarettes; perhaps two cents a package, perhaps more.

In Iowa when a nicotine consumer purchases his daily package of cigarettes 2 cents goes into the state treasury. This same set-up is working in thirteen states. Missouri pays that amount on every dollar for sales tax.

It is all too evident that the burden of taxation has fallen on everyday needs and that luxuries have escaped practically untouched.

Therefore rural Missouri is expected to present a united front at the general assembly this winter in an effort to take advantage of this golden opportunity to more fairly distribute taxes.

Senators and Representatives realize it will not be an easy task—combating highly paid lobbyists. Representing only a few these men can go far in causing sentiment to sway against ill-fated measures that do not meet with the approval of the "moneyed classes", so rural Missouri, where the greatest benefit of the tax would be felt, will have to spon-

FINED FOR HUNTING WITHOUT LICENSE

Two local youths, Ira Atkinson and Merle Schaefer, were fined \$5 and costs Friday by Justice Wm. S. Smith on charges of hunting without a license. They were arrested north of town by Warden Frank I. "Doc" Jones, of Charleston. The fine was stayed on payment of costs. The youths said they had no shells to go with the gun but were told a license is necessary to carry a firearm.

for the passage of such a bill.—Fredericktown Democrat.

Cairo Barge Terminal Remains Closed in Strike

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 7.—With union workers on strike, no attempt was made today to resume operations at the Federal Barge Lines' Cairo terminal.

Checker clerks, crane operators, foremen, inspectors and extra men went on strike yesterday in support of a demand for restoration of a pay cut made in 1935. Laborers walked out in sympathy with the other employees.

Strike leaders asserted wages paid at the Cairo terminal were lower than those received by similar employees for the barge line at Memphis and St. Louis.

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Pertinent Paragraphs From Paris Appeal

Would an earthquake, civil war or other destructive thing in Italy, Germany or Japan be as shocking today as it would have been ten years ago? No, indeed. In fact, the general public would refuse to contribute if funds for relief were being solicited. This is a sad commentary on world conditions. Those dictator countries have put themselves so far beyond the pale of public sympathy and human interest that most of us would feel like mocking at their calamities.

The airplane is going through the same process the automobile went through during the first 20 years after it went on the market. It figures in disasters at the most unexpected times, just as our first cars would quit on us every few miles of a 20-mile journey. It is no unusual thing now for an automobile to go 25,000 miles, or even twice that far, without engine trouble. Eventually, the airplane will become just as reliable. A goodly per cent of the crashes in which they now figure are due to reckless pilots, just as most of our car accidents are due to reckless driving.

The Government is developing those great TVA projects for the purpose of determining just what is a reasonable price to charge the public for electric current. It finds that twice as many people will use electricity at a proper price than when the charge is too high. The same thing would be true of paint, farm machinery and several other necessary things. A Government "yardstick" on them will come in the near future unless there is a reform in some of our factories. And think what a demand there would be for labor if prices should be reduced to levels that would enable people to buy things they now do without!

Henry Ford, who now has hundreds of Jews on his payroll, says a lot of refugee Jews from Germany would be an asset to this country. Ford, it will be remembered, was the first powerful man in modern times to make war on the Jews, filling his magazine for months with articles whose purpose was to prove the Jews were responsible for most of our national ills. Eventually, a Jew whose name had been used in connection with one of those articles, sued Ford for a huge sum. James A. Reed of Missouri, was Ford's chief counsel. In the midst of the trial, and over Reed's vigorous protest, the automobile manufacturer settled the case out of court and had it dismissed. Then he suppressed his magazine, which was edited by W. J. Cameron, and brought his war on the Jews to an end. It is good to see a man of his prominence acknowledge the error of his way—and to atone for it by making hundreds of places for people he had persecuted.

The ignorance of the general public about WPA workers would be amusing except that it results in so much injustice. Too many people have been misled into believing WPA workers are lazy, shiftless, undeserving loafers and grafters. Once in a long time you will find one of that sort, of course, just as you could in any other organized activity. As a rule, however, the WPA worker gives 100 cents worth of work for every dollar he receives. In every county in this nation there is a big demand for WPA projects and workers. In every county there are excellent roads, good bridges, substantial public buildings and other monuments to the WPA. The critics overlook all these things. They also disregard the fact that the WPA was not created for the sole purpose of getting the pound of flesh for the public. It was created for the purpose of enabling men who were idle through no fault of their own to get a living by doing something for the public instead of losing their self-respect by simply subsisting as public charges. In either event, the public had to come to the rescue, so all it gets in the way of roads, bridges, public buildings and other needed things is that much more than would have been gotten if unfortunate men had been placed on a dole and left in idleness, as is done in England.

—Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf

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★ FASHION PREVIEW ★



NOT only right for your summer-land resort this winter but exactly right for next summer is this day-in, day-out tailored dress from the January Pictorial Review. It has a circular skirt that won't dip and tuck no matter how many train rides you take it for and a jacket that makes shoulders wider, waist tinier. The flattering blouse is made of rayon sheer.

Missouri Urged To Put Teeth in Sales Tax Law

Jefferson City, Dec. 10.—Don't raise the sales tax to 3 per cent, but put teeth in the 2 per cent tax law, G. H. Bates, supervisor of the sales tax department, advised today.

Bates suggested two means of strengthening the old law to increase the state's revenue from the sales tax by \$3,000,000. One method would be a "use tax" or a levy on commodities purchased in other states for use in Missouri.

"As things are now," he said, "persons who want to escape the Missouri sales tax order goods in other states and have it shipped in. Then they don't pay a tax here or in the state in which the goods were bought."

He said that huge supplies of building materials and coal are being shipped, tax free, into Missouri. A "use tax" on such shipments would bring the state from two to two and a half million dollars each biennium, Bates estimated.

His other method would be a law requiring every Missouri merchant to obtain a permit from the state.

"The sales tax department should then be empowered to revoke these permits or licenses if the merchant did not pay his sales tax promptly," the supervisor said.

He said that the only recourse the department now has in collecting delinquent sales tax is through the courts, "and that takes a long time," Bates said.

The sales tax department expects to turn \$40,000,000 into the general revenue fund in the next biennium. In 1937, when the old one per cent rate was in effect for several months, sales tax revenue was \$17,500,000. Receipts this year were estimated at \$21,000,000.

Paper mill tokens have almost disappeared in the state—about \$500 worth are left and these are not expected to be turned in. There are 82,000,000 metal tokens in circulation—70,000,000 one-mill pieces and 12,000,000 five-mill pieces.

Mule Skinner Out, Hoisting Engineer In, at Prison Job

Jefferson City, Dec. 10.—Erection of a smokestack for the boiler rooms at the new auxiliary prison was proceeding today with a hoisting engineer performing the duties of mule "skinner."

The contractor decided that a Missouri mule could hoist the materials to the workman satisfactorily, so he engaged a man and his mule.

However, a business agent for the Hoisting Engineers' Union complained. The contractor agreed to hire a union hoister. But the mule refused to work for the professional hoister.

Finally, another mule was obtained that would. The engineer receives \$1.50 an hour, whereas the Skinner's pay was 55 cents an hour.

Mrs. A. C. Barrett and Mrs. Randol Wilson were hostesses at a chili luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Barrett on North Kingshighway.

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Grafted Skin Fails to Hide German Brand

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Even grafted skin has failed to erase the Nazi swastika brand on his right arm, burned there while he was in a German concentration camp, Rinis Schlerman, 33, Jewish refugee, said today.

Schlerman said he was forced to leave Berlin university, where he was a professor of botany, sell his valuable home, from which he eventually received but \$3, and ordered to leave the country.

Unable to get out of Germany on this small amount, Schlerman related, he was sent to a concentration camp, where he and other Jews were offered water from officer's wash basin to drink and frequently were made to get down on their knees and lick up dirt.

He was stabbed with a bayonet, he said, when he refused to help bury other Jews who had died in the camp, and the Nazi swastika was burned into his flesh.

Rescued by a group of American friends who had attended Berlin University, he reached New York two months ago. Living here with friends Schlerman said he still is receiving treatment for injuries suffered in the concentration camp.

Liquor Agents to Aid Gaming Crusade

Jefferson City, December 9.—Supervisor E. J. McMahon today ordered the State Liquor Department into the Governor's anti-gambling crusade.

He instructed all inspectors to report "immediately, any person licensed by this department who permits gambling in any form on his premises—this includes 'crap games' or other table games of chance, slot machines or gambling devices of any kind."

Under the state law the Liquor Department has the right to revoke the license of any tavern or bar which permits gambling. Inspectors have cited numerous places for permitting slot machines to operate, but today's order was the first broad enough to cover all forms of gambling.

"Inspectors in all sections of the state will visit any gambling clubs or resorts reported in their districts," McMahon said, "and if they find any major gambling such as 'craps' or other table games for large amounts," the places will be cited by the Liquor Department.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore left Saturday to visit relatives in Columbia and Moberly. Mrs. Moore will remain away for a week and Mr. Moore will return the first of the week.

Unusual Paragraphs For Reading Public

Thieves, too, have their little idiosyncrasies. A robber stole a motor from an airplane at Iowa Lakes Airport. A musical burglar purloined a snare drum and five cymbals in Chicago. Meanwhile in St. John, B. C., a crook who believed in doing things in a big way filched a 75-ton locomotive from a railroad yard, abandoned it a half mile down the track.

Naivete is the word for a woman motorist in Geneva, N. Y., who frankly admitted traveling the wrong way on a one-way street, then parking on the wrong side of the same street. But when the traffic officer told her she would have to appear in court, she objected: "I can't do that. The Judge might ask to see my driver's license, and I have none."

Whether traffic was really less hazardous in the old horse-and-buggy days was a question pondered by Edward Wilkoski as he lay in a New York hospital last week. He tried to slip through a traffic jam by crawling under a horse parked at the curb. It trampled him, causing a skull fracture and internal injuries.

For 15 years a watch had been lost in the field of Otto Neuvins, farmer near Agenda, Kan. For 15 seasons the field had been tilled, crops grown on it. Plowing last week Neuvins unearthed his watch. It was intact, including the crystal.

Habit-forming is the right arm of Arthur Friese, 17, of Chicago. For several hours the other night he drove about with his girl, steering deftly with his left arm, encasing her with the right. But he became dismayed, then frightened when he finally discovered he couldn't withdraw the arm. At an Evanston hospital physicians massaged it back to normalcy, said he had suffered a transitory paralysis from keeping it in one position too long.

Leverett Saltonstall ran recently, was elected Governor of Massachusetts. Last week he ran again when his trousers became ablaze from a brush fire he was tending. Object of his running this time was not public office, but a near-by snow bank into which he leaped, frustrating the flames.

At least, this Sydney, Australia, inventor takes his idea seriously. He asked the Health Department to approve his "phenometer," a device strapped behind each laying stamp on the egg the date it was laid, thus assuring customers fresh eggs.

Protected at last—the poor butterfly. Anyone disturbing the monarch butterflies that migrate to Pacific Grove, Cal., each year are now subject to a \$500 fine or six months' imprisonment.

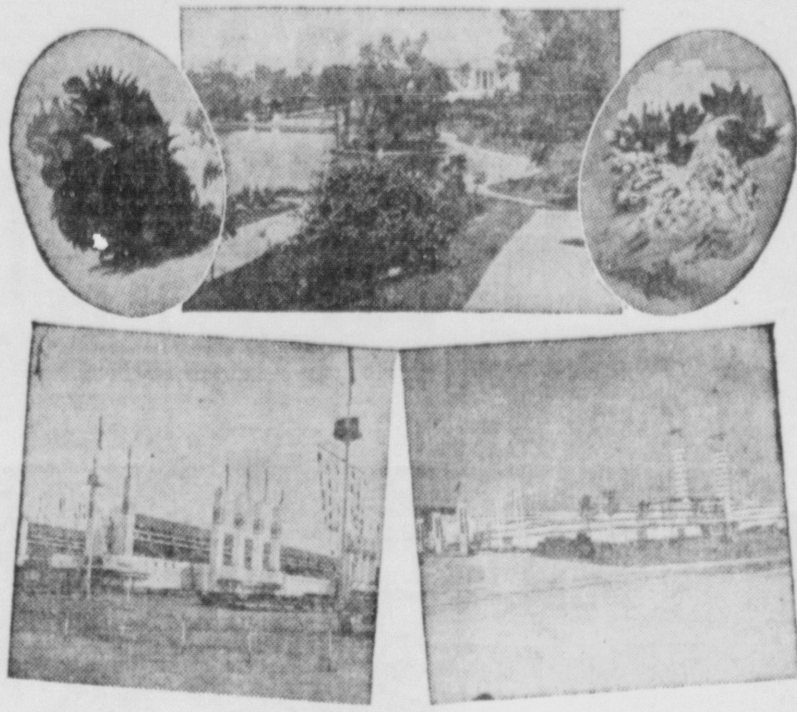
For the seventh time litigation over the purchase of a \$100 mare five years ago was opened last week in Valparaiso, Ind. Court costs have mounted to \$600 and one of the parties to the legal controversy has died.

Staid Harvard Stadium became an involuntary bull ring last week. Two escaped steers were heeded into the famous arena by a couple of policemen. Without aid of red shawls and picadors. The two animals were returned to the abattoir, no longer beef on the hoof.

Nicely crated and labeled, an Englishman arrived in Amsterdam from London by parcel post. Shipment was made by plane of International Air Freight, Ltd.

The paths of glory lead but to—well, sometimes old newspaper clippings. Such is the experience of Sheriff Homer Sylvester of Case County, Neb. Two years ago he won both fame and glory when he captured two gunmen wanted by the United States for slaying a G-man. But memory is short. Last week Sheriff Sylvester was preparing to move out of his office. Voters had elected a new man.

World's Poultry Congress Scenes



In the above pictures are shown some of the scenes where the World's Poultry Congress will be held in Cleveland, July 28 to August 7, 1939.

The central picture above shows the Cleveland Museum of Art and grounds surrounding it where some of the activities of the World's Poultry Congress will center. Below are two of the buildings which will house the exhibits. On the right is shown the Hall of Live Poultry and on the left is shown part of the Hall of Nations and States. The two lower buildings cover about four acres and will give room for a great many exhibits.

The bird shown on the right above is a mottled Chabo of Japan, while on the left is a Japanese Frizzled Bantam. Over 200 varieties of fow will be shown at the Congress and almost as many varieties of pigeons.

Already several nations have definitely applied for exhibit space and more than thirty have announced their intention of planning an exhibit.

Holiday Workers Warned by Gilhaus

Cape Girardeau, Dec. 5.—The time honored warning, "Do your Christmas shopping early," was amended today by Harry L. Gilhaus, manager of the Social Security Board field office at Cape Girardeau, to read additionally: "Get your social security account number early, too!"

Thousands of additional workers are taken on by employers at this season. If the work is in trade, commerce and industry, whether temporary or not, it is covered by the Social Security Act, and if the employee has not yet reached age 65, his wages must be reported to the Government.

Gilhaus issued the following statement for the benefit of those engaged in part-time seasonal employment:

"Are you a holiday employee? If so, you will need a social security account number whether your work is for a few hours, a day, a week or continues indefinitely.

"You can get your social security account number by filling out a small blank, known as an 'SS-5 application'. You may be able to get this blank from your employer, but if not you can get it at your local post office or the nearest office of the Social Security Board.

When filled out, the SS-5 blank is to be mailed to the Social Security office which will send you your account number card. You can, of course, come in person to the field office to obtain your card. Remember that you keep the same number through life regardless of changes in jobs or addresses."

Gilhaus' office is located in the Himmelberger-Harrison Building, Cape Girardeau.

Lumber orders during the week ending November 26 were the heaviest in five weeks and 58 per cent above the total for the corresponding week of 1937, the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association reports.



WRESTLING

Wednesday, Dec. 14

COUNT VON BROMBERG
Berlin—Wt. 190 lbs.
Vs.
LEE MEYERS
Texas—Wt. 190 lbs.

BOB MARTIN
Lilbourn—Wt. 178 lbs.
Vs.
TONY POPALINO
Portugal—Wt. 181 lbs.

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Mike Meroney, Referee

Christmas Tree Fire Hazards

To avert the hazard of fire during the Christmas season and the frequent loss of life and property incident thereto, special care should be exercised in setting up the tree, which should be firmly set in a stand provided for that purpose, according to a bulletin recently issued by the fire prevention division of the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin.

Only non-combustible materials, such as metal tinsel, flake asbestos and powder mica should be used for decorating the tree. Tissue paper, cotton or other like flammable materials should not be used to decorate the tree or the home at this gladsome season.

Attaching candles to the branches of the tree for illuminating purposes is a dangerous practice, and has been responsible for many fires. A much safer plan is to illuminate the tree by means of small colored electric lights, care being taken to see that the wiring is properly installed. Instances have been reported where a fire, due to overloading the circuit, ignited the tree. Where additional extensions are necessary, it is best to employ an expert electrician.

Every home should be provided with a hand fire extinguisher, which should be conveniently located, in the event that anything should go amiss in connection with the Christmas tree or its decorations. If a fire extinguisher is not available, a bucket of water or a pail of sand should be close at hand, should an emergency arise.

Christmas trees, as well as evergreens used in decorating the home, should be promptly removed when they have served their purpose. When they become withered, they are highly inflammable and are a most serious fire hazard, if allowed to remain on the premises in this condition.

Despite what has been accomplished in eliminating the hazard to life and property incident to the celebration of the festival of Christmas, each recurring year records instances of saddened homes, where fire, due to the ignition of the Christmas tree or its decorations, destroyed a home, not infrequently accompanied by the loss of the lives of loved ones.

UPWARD TREND IN STATE CAR ACCIDENTS

September witnessed an upward trend in automobile accident fatalities, according to the monthly report of the State Highway Commission, which showed 51 persons met death during the month, bringing the total for the first nine months of this year to 396, or 55 above the 1937 mark. Injuries in

liked Jefferson, whose democratic philosophy was a powerful force both in the United States and in England.

Beatty, who is professor of English in Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., completed his biography after two years' work, part of which was devoted to collection of hitherto unpublished letters and records in England. His book is the first complete account of Macaulay whom he places as one of the great Victorians.

Expects U. S. Old-Age Pensions for State

Columbia, Mo., December 10.—Nick T. Cave, chairman of the Missouri Social Security Commission, returned from Washington tonight and said he felt "much better" about Missouri's prospects of obtaining federal old-age pensions funds for the first quarter of 1939.

The Federal Social Security Board threatened November 15 to withdraw dollar-for-dollar matching funds January 1 unless the state program is altered to require pension recipients to be in need.

The threat followed the decision of the Springfield Court of Appeals aged persons could not be barred from receiving pensions because they were being supported by relatives.

The state commission subsequently ordered all persons barred on these grounds to be reinstated.

September showed an even greater increase over a year ago—555 in 138 to 352 in 1937. The nine months injury total this year was 3868, compared with 3747 last year.

SUE SIKES HAS PARTY

Sue Sikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sikes, was hostess to seven of her little friends at a supper party, Thursday evening at her home on North Kingshighway, in honor of her fifth birthday anniversary. The guests were Mary Lou Largent, Dottie Lou Hutters, Dot Matthews, Mary

Eugenia Blanton, Barbara Bethune, Mary Ann Tomerlin and Janet Sue Stewart.

Carloadings totaled 562,084 cars in the week ending November 26, an increase of 1.1 per cent over the corresponding 1937 period, the Association of American Railroads announces.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cole Announce
Opening of

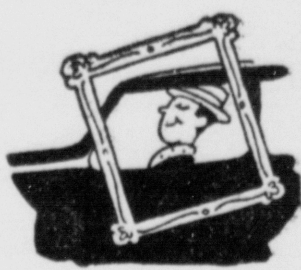
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NOTICE To TAXPAYERS

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After January 1st lawful penalties and interest will be added and collected.

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GLOVES
\$1.00 to \$2.95

SHOULDERETTES
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HOSE
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News Events From Sikeston Public Schools

DICTATORS

I think the greatest evil and the largest robbery on earth is Dictators. They rob people of all freedom, especially of speech. Therefore, as Thomas Mark has stated and with which I fully agree, "No country can be a success unless the people therein can speak freely about the defects of this government".

Dictators even promote religious persecutions and racial persecutions such as the anti-Semitic raids that now prevail in Germany, as well as Italy, Czechoslovakia, Japan and many of the more numerous small Dictatorships.

Many Dictators of the present day are abnormally-minded, the most outstanding one of which is Adolf Hitler.

The practice of Italy and Germany are, in my opinion, an example of the pupil growing stronger than the child, with Germany playing the gigantic role of pupil. In many instances of Italy Italy has tried a few things on a very small scale since Mussolini, of course, has come into premiership, Germany has practiced on a very large scale, only to be countered by Italy trying it again and failing, but, they always let Germany get by with it, or maybe I should have said Hitler.

As I see it the Germans are merely an easy type of person to lead, but do not blame the Germans for their fault. It is the fault of a beastly, bloodthirsty, abnormal, crazy dictator, in fact the worst ruler since Czar Ivan IV, who ever had his own son murdered because he asked for a small sum of money. And by all means it is the true opinion at heart, except for cowardly Britain and France, that Hitler should be chained on South Sea Island forever or made a human torch. Italy is governed by a big bulk of man, with a little mind, and not quite so much a bluffing man. This dictator also is a crazy mad man.

The only excusable dictator on earth is Joseph Stalin who has no religious persecutions, nor illiteracy. He reduces all types of illiteracy by the minute. He is a man of steel but after all I, a Democrat, am not raising him just because he is a dictator. I am not praising him at all, because no true democratic person likes a dictator.

Democracy always!

John Hahn
13-year-old Freshman
Sikeston High School

SCHOOL HEALTH NOTES

During November we had only one case of contagious disease reported. A number of pupils have been absent a few days because of colds but otherwise attendance has been exceptionally good.

The School Nurse will appreciate it very much if the parents will become more familiar with the Nine-point Health program and co-operate in making it more successful this year.

Last year 1018 pupils were examined and only 83 were nine-point pupils. One received a reward for being a nine-point pupil for five consecutive years.

The majority of children failed to reach the goal by a very small requirement—Diphtheria Immunization, Small Pox vaccination, or Birth Registration.

It is very necessary that a child have his birth registered. There are many reasons, and the greatest one is the Social Security Benefits for the blind, dependent children, aged, and the settlement of pensions.

We would like to have a Dental Program this year, beginning with the first three grades and increasing it each year. This can be successful only by the co-operation of parents. The School Nurse and your family dentist will be glad to discuss this program with you.

Your children will soon be given notes asking for the name of your family doctor and family dentist. We will appreciate it very much if you will watch for these forms and return them immediately. This is necessary so that the Nurse and teachers can give your child the care of your family medical advisor in an emergency.

Dr. T. C. McClure is in St. Francis Hospital at Cape Girardeau receiving treatment for a severe cold. He hopes to return home the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Fred Cooley entertained for her son Joe Saturday night in honor of his fourteenth birthday anniversary. Mrs. Cooley was assisted by Mrs. John Skelton and Mrs. Jessie Chapman. Games were played after which refreshments were served. Those present were Linda Matthews, Mary Evelyn Chapman, Imogene Davis, Ilean Hooker, Velma Burris, Maxine Hornback, Louise Skelton, Evelyn Tidwell, Bonnie and Emma Hazel, Jean and Sue Chapman, Goldie Jean Cooley, Lowell Skelton, Harold Boardman, Hugh Aldrich, James Cox, Carlos Tidwell, J. W. Little, Norman Burris and Jackie Bill Foster.

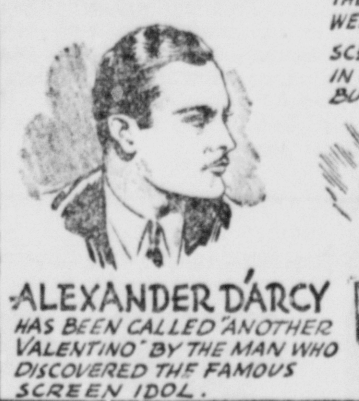
UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"

AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE CHARLES FARRELL JOINED LITTLE BILLY, THE MIDWEST VAUDEVILLIAN AS BUSINESS MANAGER AND PROPERTY MAN.



A RACK OF HIGHLY-POLISHED PROPELLERS SERVED AS A TEMPORARY MIRROR FOR JACQUELINE WELLS WHILE ON LOCATION FOR THE COLUMBIA PICTURE.



ALEXANDER D'ARCY HAS BEEN CALLED "ANOTHER VALENTINO" BY THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED THE FAMOUS SCREEN IDOL.



A SHIP ONCE FLOWN BY THE LATE WILEY POST WAS USED IN THE THRILLING AERIAL SCENES.



THE CAMERA AND FILM MAGAZINES WERE PACKED IN DRY ICE DURING SCENES IN "FLIGHT TO FAME" IN WHICH THEY PHOTOGRAPHED BURNING PLANES AT CLOSE RANGE.

Hollingsworth Is Templar Head

W. E. "Cousin Ed" Hollingsworth was elected commander of the Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55, Knights Templar, Thursday night at Cape Girardeau, succeeding W. L. Hutters, also of Sikeston. The Cape Girardeau Commandery includes most of the cities in this section. Mr. Hollingsworth, elected for the year, will be installed Jan. 12.

Cotton Crop Report December 1, 1938.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 10.—There was little change in the prospective cotton crop in Missouri during the month of November. The indicated total production of 337,000 bales was one per cent less than the forecast of November 1, 1938, according to a report released today by Alfred C. Brittain, Agricultural Statistician, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A.

The area for harvest is estimated at 368,000 acres which is 34 per cent below the acreage harvested a year ago. The cotton acreage was reduced this year in order to comply with the requirements of the Soil Conservation Program. Estimated abandonment is 1.3 per cent of the planted acreage. This includes the small acreage plowed up in order to meet cotton quotas.

The reported yield per acre was 438 pounds. This is the highest average yield on record for Missouri. This yield is 142 pounds above average, and 46 pounds above the previous record made in 1931. The high yield is due to an unusually favorable growing season and to the fact that the reduced acreage of cotton was grown on the better lands.

As a result of harvesting this large amount of cotton per acre, the total production has been reduced only 17 per cent from last year compared with a reduction of 34 per cent in the acreage. The indicated production of 337,000 bales is the second largest crop on record and is 51 per cent above the average production for the ten years 1927-1936.

Cotton ginned this season to December 1 was reported at 318,000 bales by the Bureau of the Bureau of the Census. This represents about 94 per cent of the total crop. The cotton ginned to date was lower in grade than a year ago. About 24 per cent of this year's crop graded Middling or better. Staple lengths one inch and longer represent about 80 per cent of the entire crop this year. Last year only 40 per cent of the crop was reported in this class.

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Aged Mother Faces Charge

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73-year-old former inmate of the state prison, was alone today to face a first degree murder charge in connection with the disappearance 10 years ago of James Eugene Bassett, of Annapolis, Md.

Her son and co-defendant, Decatur Earl Mayer, 44, held in the state penitentiary as a habitual criminal, killed himself yesterday in the county jail here.

Prosecutor B. Gray Warner was prepared to continue the trial, however, but authorities were chiefly concerned with obtaining from Mrs. Smith a clue to the whereabouts of Bassett's body.

"I wish he had confessed," Mrs. Smith told Sheriff Wm. R. Severson after she had recovered from the shock of her son's suicide. "I would rather he had been hanged than kill himself—then the creator would have forgiven him. I wanted him to tell the truth about the whole matter."

The sheriff spent more than an hour with her in an attempt to learn the whereabouts of Bassett's body but said he obtained little information.

"If she can remember she'll be

cent of the entire crop this year. Last year only 40 per cent of the crop was reported in this class.



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glad to help the authorities," Severson said. "But 10 years is a long time and she isn't very well acquainted with the ground where the body was reportedly buried. I'm afraid Mayer was the only one who could have told us where it was."

He said that Mrs. Smith changed her story that the body was cut up and buried in different places—that she now claimed Mayer carried the body part by part to one burial place because he could not carry it all at once.

Mayer's body was found in his cell yesterday afternoon, Severson said. Mayer used a leather belt to hang himself from the upper bunk. To make his act doubly certain, the sheriff said, Mayer stuffed wads of paper down his throat, wrapped a black cloth around his head, lashed his mouth with the belt and then tied his hands with a rope.

Gaston Means Passes Away

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 12.—Gaston B. Means, 58, oft-time convict widely known for his \$104,000 Lindbergh baby ransom hoax, died early today at the United States medical center here.

Undisclosed to the end was his secret of what became of the money Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean of Washington, D. C., gave him on his promise that he could return the kidnapped son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh alive.

The big-time swindler offered no death-bed statement. He had met earlier attempts of G-Men to obtain here the inside story of the case with stony silence.

Means' death had been expected since Thursday when he suffered a heart attack following an operation for removal of his gall bladder.



Here is another question against which to check your driving habits:

Should a car which is following another at 35 miles an hour leave more space between this car and the one ahead than he would if the rate of speed of both cars were 20 miles an hour?

What is your answer? What do you do?

Here is the correct answer: Yes. A car traveling 20 miles an hour can be stopped in approximately 39 feet (2-wheel brakes) or 20 feet (4-wheel brakes). At 35 miles an hour the stopping distances are 120 feet

(2-wheel brakes) and 61 feet (4-wheel brakes). These figures will vary with drivers, cars, and the condition of the roads; but the fact remains that a car traveling 35 miles an hour cannot be stopped as quickly as one traveling 20 miles an hour, consequently more space should be left between cars when they are traveling at a greater rate of speed.

Mrs. J. R. Trousdale will entertain the members of the Birth-day Club at luncheon in her home Tuesday. These guests will be present, Mrs. W. Frewer, Mrs. A. C. Waters, Mrs. B. E. Tatum, Mrs. Clay Mitchell, Mrs. Ed Fuchs, Mrs. S. R. Schuchart, Mrs. Todt of Morehouse, Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Mrs. George Steel, Mrs. John Meiderhoff, Mrs. Gordon Stroud, Mrs. B. F. Marshall, Mrs. Wm. Corrigan and Mrs. Don Ozment.



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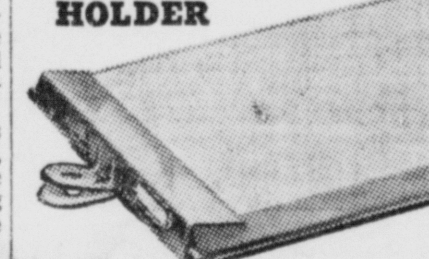


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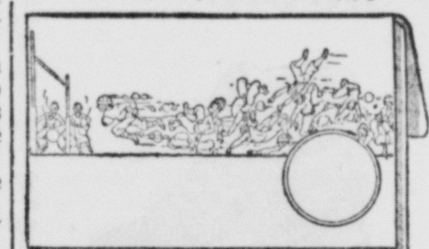
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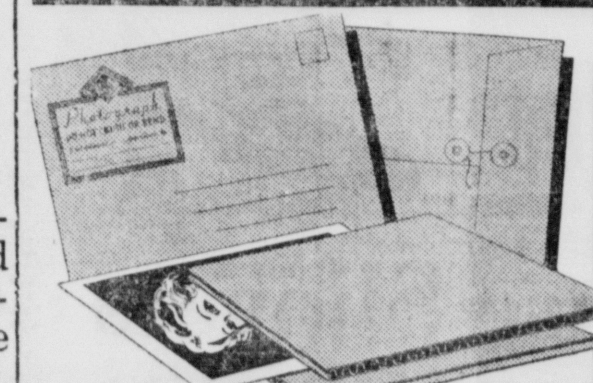
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Stock No. Description List Price

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S 81-15-30 S 81-3-30 1.50

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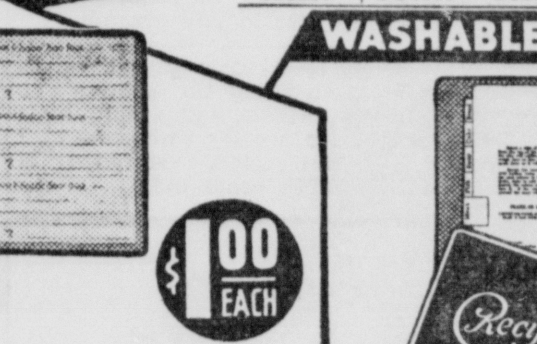


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How pleasant it is to be remembered by one's friends, especially when they are young and handsome. On returning from Jacksonville, Ill., Miss Catherine Ann Cook presented us with a China Pole cat to adorn our desk. Thanks young lady for your thoughtfulness.

No. 1: "H'mm, a nicely reared girl, isn't she?"
No. 2: "I should say so. Not bad from the front either."—Sikeston Bull Sheet.

Dr. Harry Loenstein, a noted surgeon of St. Louis, was a visitor in Sikeston Saturday and paid a visit to the Standard editor. He formerly lived in Paris, Mo., and visits his birthplace occasionally. He was accompanied to the Standard office by Mrs. Hubert Boyer and Mrs. Bus Limbaugh.

As the most wonderful holiday of all, the day representing "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men," draws near 'tis interesting to note the change in the attitude of people. Greetings become more cheerful, smiles more numerous and small courtesies are the order of the day, while giving instead of getting seems to be the dominant note. Unselfishness has the stage for the time being as messages and gifts and expressions of the "good neighbor" attitude pass to and fro by the million. The pity of it all is that this spirit does not seem to thrive all the New Year through.—F. D. Lair.

In the annual air race of 192 miles from London to Cardiff, Wales, the first three machines landed within seconds of each other.

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The Apollo Group is sponsoring a program for the benefit of the piano fund Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at the library, under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Foley and Mrs. A. W. Swacker. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The following program will be offered:

Song, "When Day is Done," girls' group, Ruth Hollingsworth, Helen Vera Dudley, Camille O'Connor, Mary Jane Sikes, Electa O'Hara, Helen Lee. Directed by Robt. Sorrells.

Duet, John Dover, Eddie Orear. Songs, first grade, under direction of Miss Mary McCray, "Santa is Coming to Town," "Jingle Bells."

Piano Solo, Betty Anderson.

"Three Wise Men," grade, under direction of Miss Wilma Ragains.

Solo—"Don't Wait Until the Night Before Christmas," by Charles Matthews, IV.

Reading, Ruth Hollingsworth.

Solo, "O Holy Night," by Mary Jane Sikes.

"Babes In Toyland," by Victor Herbert, a musical reading by Ruth Hollingsworth, Mary Jane Sikes, Esther Jane Greer, Gwendolyn Kirk, Catherine Ann Cook.

Solo, "Mary's Slumber-Song," (Adams Bernard Hamble), Gwendolyn Kirk.

Songs, "Floating With the Tide," "Joy to the World," Campbell Kid Choir.

Silver offering at the door.

Phillippine City of 20,000 Wiped Out

Manila, December 12 (Monday).—Relief workers reported today the whole town of Camalig had been burned in volcanic debris washed from the slopes of the famous Mayon volcano by flood waters in last week's typhoon.

They asserted the town, which in 1920 had a population of about 20,000, "completely disappeared," but mentioned no fatalities there. Camalig stands at the foot of the volcano.

An overnight report of three more fatalities brought the typhoon death toll to 148. Many persons still were missing. At least 98 of the deaths occurred in Sorsogon Province. Previously Albay Province, in which Camalig is situated, reported 18 fatalities. Samar Province reported 28 and Camarines Sur reported one.

Death Discloses \$55,000 Mostly Hid In His Home

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 11—A \$25,000 surprise awaited Roland J. Hiller, a junior partner in the Illinois National Realty Co. in Chicago, when he came here to settle up his father's estate.

His father, Frank Xavier Miller, who lived in a modest, rented home here, was not considered a man of means and lived a simple life with his second wife. When he died recently the executor of the estate discovered \$55,000 in cash, notes and mortgages concealed about the house in an old iron strong box.

Some valuable papers also were found in a lockbox at the bank, but most of his possessions were in the small home.

He was unable to shed much light on how his father came to accumulate such a sum, although he always was known as a "saving man" and was not much on spending.

The estate will be shared jointly by Miller and his stepmother.

The Saddest Love Letter Ever Written! Inventors Jinxed by Their Genius! Two of the many interesting features appearing in "The American Weekly," the magazine distributed with the Sunday Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Forty feet below ground workers constructing the subway in Moscow, Russia, found the huge skull of a woolly rhinoceros of the glacial period, estimated at about 30,000 years old.



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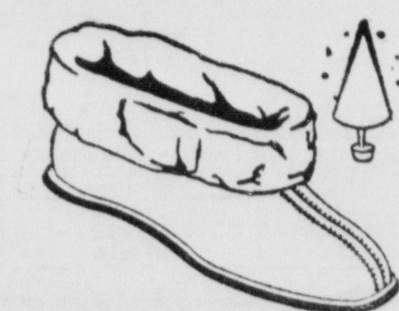
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NEWS OF THE TOWN:

Ivan Simes, who is in the Town to paint, must either add the fan to his painting, "The Fan Dancer", or take it out of the Ladies Club Art exhibit.

Petro Krzmoskotmolmonski, the Town's naturalized citizen, has the honor of knowing that his children are the best spellers in school.

Mrs. Van Itty, the Town's society leader, very naively substituted her lorgnette for a back scratcher at the Town Opera House Saturday night.

Hez. Willert, local custodian of the cracker barrel, read clear through the current best seller, "My Son, My Son", before he learned that it wasn't the love life of Simon Simone.

It is reported to this office that Rev. Diviny obtained all of the supplies for his Snake Revival from Senator Snifter's boots.

POET'S CORNER

We are always pleased to be in receipt of a tidbit from the pen of Iliad Quatrain, but we think that his financial plight is reflected a bit too strongly in the following:

Food For Thought

Chicken and dressing, ham and eggs,
Cornbread and sweetmilk, frogs with legs,
Souffle, consomme, ham on rye,
To be a gourmet—sigh, sigh, sigh!
Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker man!
Roll 'em, roll 'em, throw 'em in a pan!
Fools will forever write poems like these!
And the mice will forever get the cheese!

Barring trends at present unforeseen and unexpected, assembly line activity in the motor car industry will continue at encouraging levels through the winter months, reports from Detroit indicate. This means a liberal volume of production not only until around the first of the year, as was the general expectation a few weeks ago, but through the larger part of the first quarter of 1939 at least.

Auto Pushing Another Rammed By Third Car

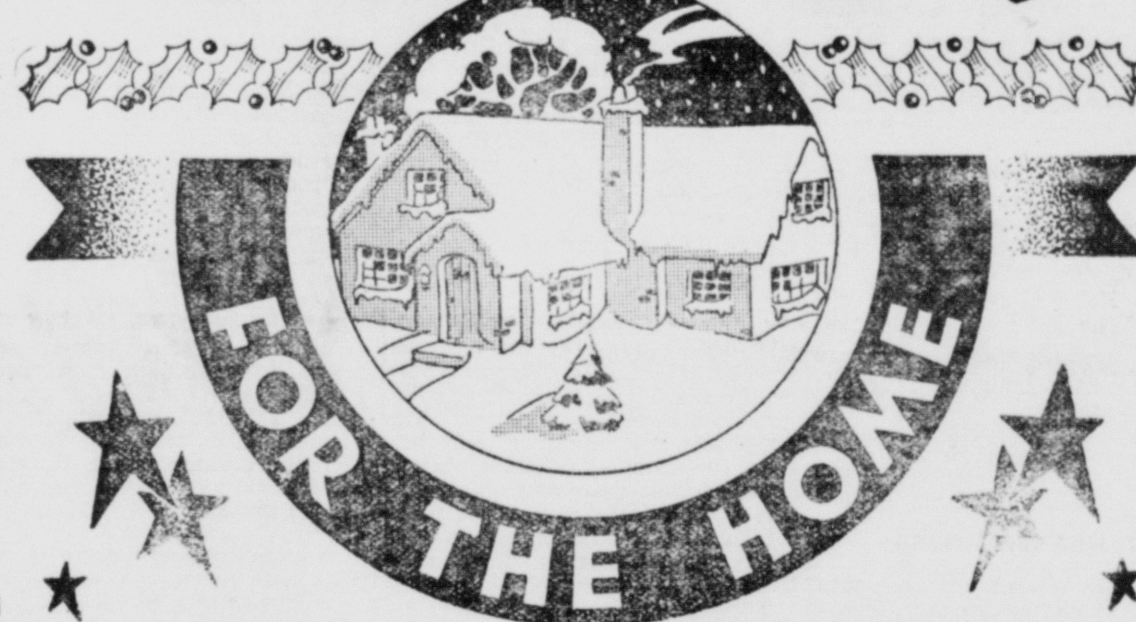
An automobile pushing a disabled car was the victim of third vehicle that crashed into the rear of it at 2 a. m. Sunday morning on Highway 61 just below the south "Y" intersection.

The 1937 Chevrolet sedan of R. K. Wilson of Jackson rammed the rear of a 1931 Chevrolet sedan operated by Ralph Carroll of Sikeston. Carroll's car was pushing the 1931 Chevrolet coach of A. J. Williams of this city. All were headed north, according to the State Patrol.

Carroll received a cut on the head. Wilson's upper lip was badly cut, and Emerson Spradling of Jackson, his companion, also suffered a cut on the head. They were treated by Dr. Howard Throgmorton.

The front of the Wilson car was smashed. The rear of the Carroll car was stove in. Companions of Carroll, Rex Lambert and Kenneth Stallings, was unhurt.

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Stark Expected To Urge Big Cut In Direct Relief

Jefferson City, Dec. 6.—A cut of between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in the Missouri Social Security Commission's welfare program for 1939 and 1940 is expected to be made by Gov. Lloyd C. Stark in his budget recommendations to the 1939 Legislature. This would be in line with his announced policy to hold appropriations within expected revenues.

A total reduction of about \$25,000,000 in the allotments required by all governmental agencies supported from the general revenue fund will be necessary even to keep within State Auditor Forrest Smith's optimistic estimate that total revenue income for the biennium will be \$84,000,000 and that there will be a surplus of \$4,000,000 at the close of the present biennium.

It appears probable that the Governor will not cut deeply into the Commission's request for \$21,805,000 for old-age pensions, and that he will recommend at least \$20,000,000 for this purpose. The larger part of the reduction is likely to be in the recommended allotments for direct relief, for aid to dependent children and for Social Security administrative costs.

DIRECT RELIEF ALLOTMENT

The Commission asked for \$15,516,000 for direct relief, which is about \$6,500,000 more than was appropriated for 1937 and 1938. The allotment for the next biennium probably will not much exceed \$5,000,000, unless the Legislature goes beyond the executive recommendation.

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The commission planned a broad expansion of its work in aid of dependent children, for which it had an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the present biennium. It asked for \$6,453,376 for this purpose for the next two years, but the condition of the State revenue may necessitate a reduction to about \$2,000,000. This fund is used to pay relatives of dependent children for their care when the children are taken into the relatives' homes. A maximum monthly payment of \$18 is provided by law for one dependent child in a home and a maximum of \$12 a month for each additional child.

The question of the administrative costs of the Commission apparently will give the Governor more difficulty than any other in preparing his recommendations. It has asked for \$4,500,270, but may have to get along with very little more than \$2,000,000. It had \$1,325,000 for the present biennium, with additional administrative funds supplied by the Federal Social Security Board, and amounting to about 5 per cent of the Federal allotment to the State for old-age pensions. The Federal aid will continue.

PROBLEM OF INVESTIGATION

In reducing the administrative appropriation the Governor is confronted with the fact that unless there are ample funds the Commission will be hampered in its checking of the eligibility of pensioners and other beneficiaries of social welfare legislation in carrying out the Governor's standing order to remove "chiselers" from the rolls.

In estimating revenue receipts for 1939-40 at \$84,000,000, Auditor Smith placed the sales tax receipts at \$44,000,000, a figure which will be reached only through a marked improvement in business. This year the tax has produced an average of about \$1,700,000 a month, and at that rate would bring less than \$41,000,000 in the next biennium. For the receipts to reach \$44,000,000, monthly collections of about \$1,850,000 would be required, or about \$150,000 a month more than the 1938 average.

Smith's estimate for income tax receipts was \$15,000,000, or about \$1,000,000 more than for the present biennium. Inasmuch as next year's receipts from this source will be based on this year's income, his estimate is viewed as high by some who expect the Federal Government's Social Security taxes to be reflected in State income tax collections through the reduction in net income of corporations by the amount of the Federal tax payments. This, it is held by some,

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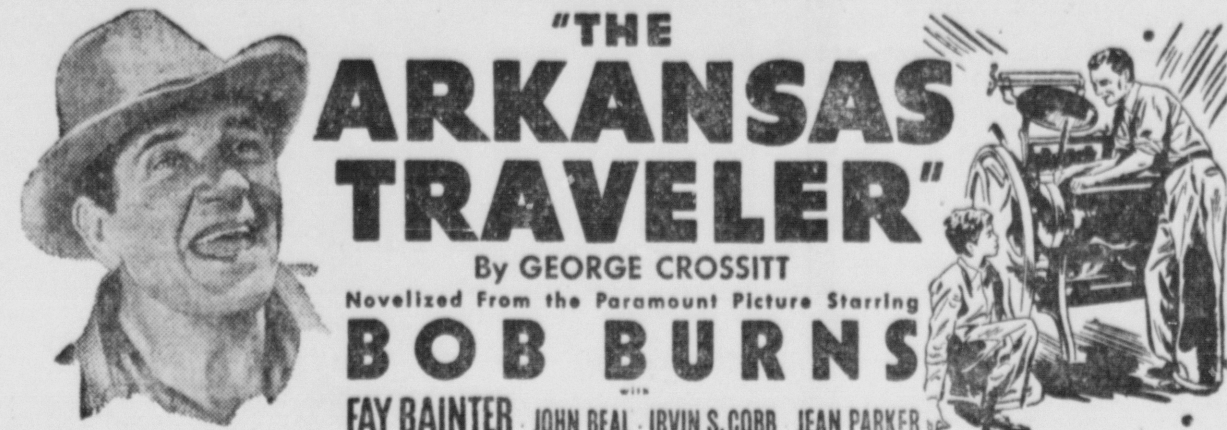
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SYNOPSIS

The Arkansas Traveler, a hobo printer, takes a job on the Record, an almost bankrupt newspaper owned by the Widow Allen. Judy and Benny, the Allen children, love the Traveler especially after he convinces John Daniels, Judy's lover, to stay in town and work on the Record. John had fought with his father, the Mayor, because of the latter's association with Matt Collins, the local political boss. When all the ads for the Record's anniversary issue are cancelled, the Traveler suspects the hand of Collins. His suspicions are verified when Collins attempts to purchase the paper. But the Widow decides to come out with the anniversary issue anyway. On the Traveler's suggestion the paper attacks Collins mercilessly.

CHAPTER VII

WHEN Martha Allen came down into the composing room the following morning she found Johnnie, Benny and the Traveler grouped about a model of a complete radio station which Johnnie had secretly erected, using Benny's Constructo set for parts. On the wall above the model was pinned a huge blue print of a radio station.



"Seems like you owe the bank for some print paper and a lot of other things," the Constable continued, "and well I just thought you ought to know that they've clamped down on you."

Martha's breath caught in her throat. "Where did you find that blue print?" she asked quietly.

"In Mr. Allen's old desk. I—I hope you don't mind," the Traveler explained.

"No. But it certainly brings back memories. That radio station was one of Ben's fondest dreams. He always said that a newspaper is the eyes of the world—and the radio its voice. He believed that sooner or later every newspaper would have to have its own radio station."

"He was sure ahead of his time," "He wanted the Record to be the first small town newspaper to have a radio station," Martha went on. "He was trying to have it financed when—"

She was interrupted by a knock on the door. It was the constable, tapping on the glass.

"You're sure improving your service," the Traveler greeted his old friend jovially. "wakin' us up in the

morning and worryin' about us at night."

"I'm not worried about you, Traveler—it's Mrs. Allen." The constable turned to Martha and Judy, who had just come downstairs. "You know, Martha, I'd rather slide down a razor blade than have to tell you this—but tomorrow I gotta take out your presses."

"What?"

"Seems like you owe the bank for some print paper and a lot of other things," the constable continued, "and well I just thought you oughta know they've clamped down on you."

"They've clamped down!" Johnnie cut in angrily. "You mean Matt Collins."

Judy whirled on Johnnie. "Every time anything goes wrong you blame Matt Collins! It isn't Matt—it's the bank."

"And Matt Collins is the bank—and the City Hall—and the whole darned town!"

"But what would Matt do with a

couple of old presses?" Judy demanded.

"They can still print the very words Matt Collins doesn't want this town to read," Johnnie pointed out. "With the paper out of the running, he can put through the election—and swing the bond issue to build his dam."

"You've got more imagination than good sense," Judy snapped.

"Wait a minute!" the Traveler interrupted. "Arguin' ain't goin' to do any good. Maybe a lot of this is my fault. Maybe I shouldn't have stuck that editorial in the paper—and run those ads—and a lot of other things. I want to have a talk with you, Mrs. Allen, and then I think I oughta get up and see Matt Collins."

After the others had gone, the Traveler said:

"How far did Mr. Allen get with his radio scheme?"

"He had everything about ready

to start," Martha answered.

"You mean equipment and all?"

"No—he didn't get that far. He was trying to get Matt Collins to lend him the money when—"

The Traveler interrupted her. "And Matt Collins has never mentioned the radio station since then, has he?"

"No—and so many things have happened I forgot all about it."

"Which was just what Mr. Collins wanted you to do. If he didn't he'd have reminded you about it long ago," the Traveler pointed out. "Why did Matt Collins try to buy the Record from you? He could have started another newspaper if he wanted to. But the Record has a franchise for a radio station—a Government license."

"That franchise hasn't expired yet. The Record could have helped a heap in this coming election," the Traveler went on. "But the Record with a radio station—My! That's the eyes and ears Mister Allen always talked about."

"But the election is only a week from Friday—"

"An' if you suspend publication, the radio franchise goes back to the Government. That's when Mister Collins puts in his little application. When you wouldn't sell him the Record, he started pushing it into its grave inch by inch—and the last shove he gave it was when he got the merchants to take their ads out of the Anniversary Number."

"It all makes sense but it's hard to believe," Martha admitted. "Matt always seemed so friendly. He couldn't be planning a thing like this."

"Well, I'd hate to be the one to spoil your faith in human nature but I think I can prove it all right."

"How?"

"Matt Collins knows your radio license expires next Thursday. If he still wants to buy the Record—feelin' you can't put up a radio station between now and Thursday—well, then he still loves the Record for its own sake and really wants to help you out."

"And if he doesn't want to buy the paper now then—"

The Traveler picked up the phone. "Get me Mr. Collins, sister. Hello. Mr. Collins. Say, I've been thinking that I might be able to do you a little favor. You see I've got a lot of influence with Mrs. Allen—and knowin' how much you'd like to have the Record, I thought I might be able to swing it for you."

Matt's voice was plainly audible to both of them. "I'm sorry, Traveler, but I'm no longer interested in buying the Record," he said.

"But I'm sure I could get it for you at an awful low price," the Traveler insisted.

"I wouldn't consider it at any price," Matt answered. "I'm going to start a paper of my own."

"Well, that's that," guess, Mr. Collins. Could I come up to see you about something personal and confidential?"

"Sure, Traveler. About ten o'clock. Goodbye."

(To be continued)

will mean lower income tax payments by corporations and by individuals who receive income from dividends.

LIQUOR TAX ESTIMATE

Smith estimated liquor taxes at \$11,500,000, or nearly \$1,000,000 more than would be collected on the basis of 1938 receipts.

In addition to total estimated receipts of \$84,000,000, Smith is counting on a revenue surplus of \$4,000,000 at the close of this biennium. That amount may be available for appropriation during the two years, but it was appropriated by the last Legislature, and experience in the past has been that State Department heads in-

cor indebtedness almost sufficient to wipe out any balances in their appropriations.

Whatever the revenue receipts are, the Legislature, if it follows precedent, will set aside one-third for the public schools under the Constitutional requirement that not less than one-fourth be appropriated to the common schools, exclusive of the State University, State Teachers' College and other institutions of higher education. If Smith's estimate of \$84,000,000 for revenue receipts is correct, \$28,000,000 will go to the schools, leaving a balance of \$56,000,000

for Social Security and general State governmental purposes. If there is a \$4,000,000 surplus this year, there will be a total of \$60,000,000 under the Smith estimate.

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Prosperity Notes

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

A busy Christmas Shopping season, with a huge flow of dollars going into circulation over the nation's trade counters, is foreseen by the National Retail Dry Goods Association. Business and the public may reasonably look forward to one of the best, if not the best, gift-giving seasons in almost a decade, according to Lew Hahn, general manager of the association, who estimates a minimum holiday trade of a billion and a half dollars for department and specialty stores alone.

Secretary Roper predicts that national income payments may reach \$65,000,000,000 for 1938, the highest since 1930 with the exception of last year, when the total was \$69,000,000,000. The country, he said, is in a most favorable position to sustain over a long term an upward trend sufficiently strong to withstand minor fluctuations.

The Bureau of Mines reports

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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Electric power production in the United States for the week ending November 19 soared to the highest level since October of last year, the Edison Electric Institute announces. Production in the latest period rose more than seasonally expected to 2,270,260,000 kilowatt hours, a 2.7 per cent increase over the previous week and 2.1 per cent higher than the comparable 1937 week.

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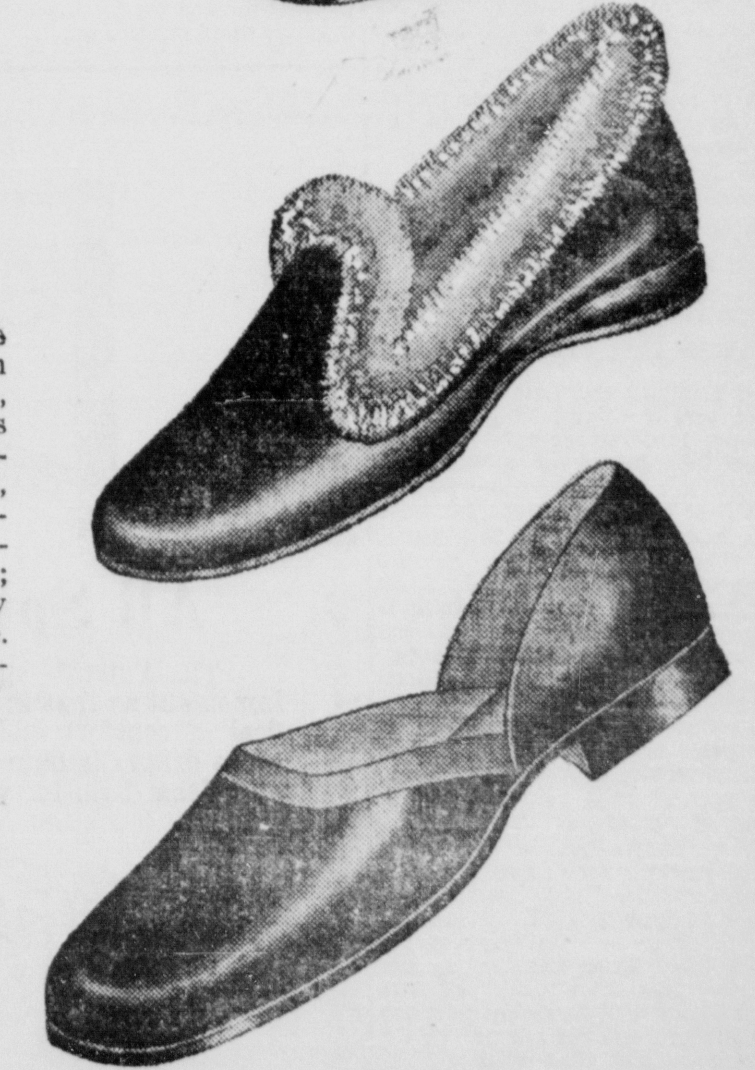
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY

The Springfield Court of Appeals in its October term held that income from a relative need not be considered in determining eligibility for old-age assistance. The decision, if it stands, will make it impossible for the State Social Security Commission to exclude from assistance aged persons who have relatives able to support them.

The Kansas City Times estimates that such an interpretation might raise the number of recipients in Missouri (which already has more recipients in proportion to the population than most states), from 73,000 to 200,000.

FEDERAL AID FOR NEEDY

The Federal Social Security Act, with which all state acts must comply if Federal funds are to be received, states that funds are made available to states for the purpose of enabling each state to furnish financial assistance "to aged needy individuals."

It is thus evident that in order to qualify for Federal funds, assistance must be given on the basis of the need of the individual applicant, and if the Springfield decision continues to be upheld, Missouri might become ineligible to receive Federal funds.

SALES TAX OF SIX CENTS

Out of approximately 7500 persons removed from the rolls, it has been estimated that approximately 3400 were removed because relatives were willing and able to care for them. Should the decision of the Court of Appeals be affirmed by the State Supreme Court, these persons, and no doubt many more, would again be eligible.

According to an editorial in the Kansas City Times, "Practically every applicant for old-age assistance in Missouri could receive a pension under the present Social Security law, according to the decision of the Springfield Court of Appeals. If this decision stands, we could expect about 200,000 pensioners next year and a State sales tax of at least 6 cents.

\$100,000,000 FOR THE BIENNIAL

"Unless the Supreme Court jumps in with a different view, the next Legislature will have to act and act fast. Under such a ruling, the Social Security Board has estimated that it would have to put at least 120,000 persons

the publication predicts, however, that "not much change will develop until after the first of the year unless there should be a price advance for the first quarter, an unlikely possibility."

Construction contracts next year in thirty-seven states east of the Rocky Mountains may total \$3,500,000,000, highest of the recovery from the low building levels of 1933 and 1934, predicts the F. W. Dodge Corporation, compiler of data for the building industry. The figure compares with an indicated total of \$3,200,000,000 for this year and an actual total of \$2,900,000,000 in 1937.

Business failures in the United States during the holiday week ending last Thanksgiving Day number only 191, as compared with 203 in the preceding week and 196 in the same period last year, according to Dun & Bradstreet. The week's total was lowest since last September 8, the report added.

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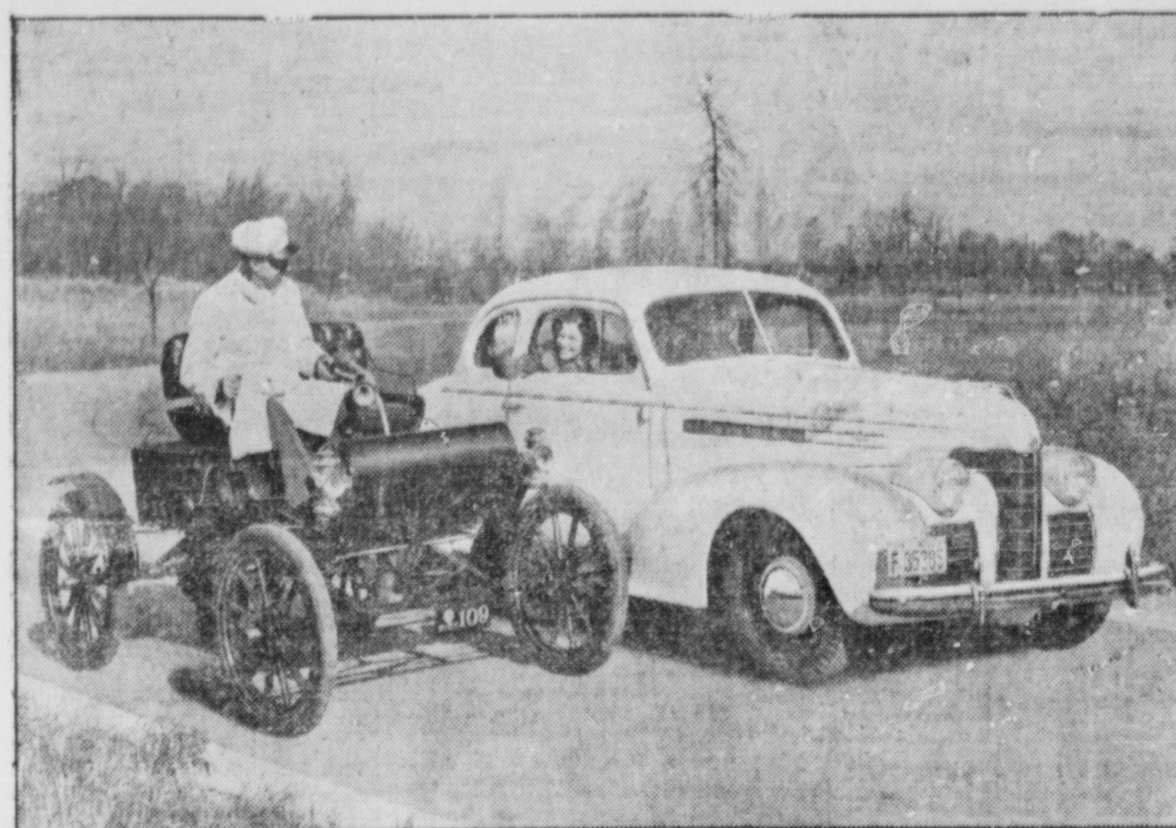


Illustration above shows two of the lowest priced Oldsmobiles ever built. This 1930 single-cylinder runabout listed for \$650 f.o.b. factory, and when the price of coal-oil lamps, top and rain curtains was added, it about equalled the \$777

factory delivered price of its 1939 successor, the new Oldsmobile series "Sixty" business coupe. Comparison of the two cars offers a dramatic illustration of the increase in dollar-for-dollar value achieved in motor cars in the past 40 years.

over 70 on the rolls. Add 80,000 to come in with reduction of the age limit to 65 and you have 200,000 pensioners."

"A 2-cent sales tax will not support more than 70,000 pensioners. Unless something is done, the whole business of pensions in Missouri will be thrown into confusion."

The cost of furnishing old-age assistance at the present average of \$20 per month to some 200,000 persons would be approximately \$100,000,000 for the biennium.

Employment Service Makes 3,450 Placements

Jefferson City, Dec. 8.—The Missouri State Employment Service during November placed 2288 persons in jobs with private employers and 1162 in public employment, Director Will S. Denham said today.

Private placements for the first eleven months of this year total 27,965.

The total active file with the Missouri State Employment Service for November shows 194,426 registrations as compared to 142,661 for the same period last year, an increase in registrations of 36.3 per cent. All placements by

the Employment Service are made free of charge.

"An unemployed worker who has been employed in insured employment sometime during 1938 is urged to register immediately at the State Employment Service office in his district and secure an

identification card," Mr. Denham said.

"This will save considerable time if the Employment Service office is unable to locate a suitable job for him and he appears to file a claim for benefits on or after January 3, 1939, as the registra-

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Dec. 9, 1938

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I want a bottle baby, bed, ironing board and iron, dishes and house shoes.

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Dear Santa Clause

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P. S. remember my Mother and Dady and May god Bless you.

How England Governs Hog Prices

In England, the new farm contract sets a "standard price" of \$15 per hundred pounds for hogs when feed prices for a "standard ration" are \$1.82 per hundred lbs. Higher or lower prices for hogs will depend on changes in the cost of "standard rations." If the price of the ration exceeds \$1.82 per hundred pounds, the curer is to pay the producer an additional \$1 per hundred pounds for every rise of 21 cents per hundred pounds in the cost of feedstuffs. Curers may make reductions in the price for hogs at the same rate when the cost of the "standard ration" falls below \$1.82 per hundred pounds.

When bacon factories are obligated to pay farmers more than the "standard price" for bacon, hogs the government will reimburse the curer by a subsidy. On the other hand when curers pay the farmers less than the "standard price" they will be obliged to pay the government the amount of the reduction from that price.

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Optimism for December industrial operations was reflected by the National City Bank of New York in its monthly review of economic conditions. Automobiles, apparel, household equipment, and consumer goods industries and services are providing better business for each other, the review states, adding that residential building and public works have joined the circle. If the capital goods industries can be brought into the circle, the limit of the rise is far from attained, the bank believes.

Last week's weather changes brought a marked upward swing to store sales, according to Dun & Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Business. Many merchants were unprepared for the sudden expansion in demand, the statement reports, and mail and telegraph orders to replace depleted stocks bounded to a new high for the last several-week period.

An increase of 5.3 per cent in

year, but the limit will be raised later with a slight reduction in the price. Although the new scheme is expected to stimulate hog production in the long run, it will be applicable to only about one-third of the marketable hogs produced in the United Kingdom, since the balance go into fresh pork. It is more profitable at present to feed for fresh pork production than for bacon.

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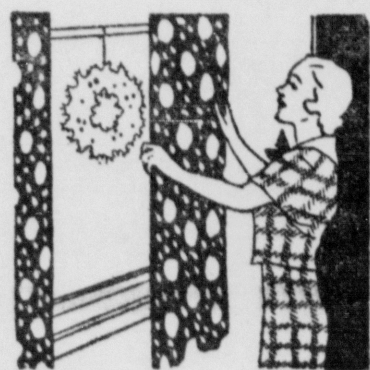
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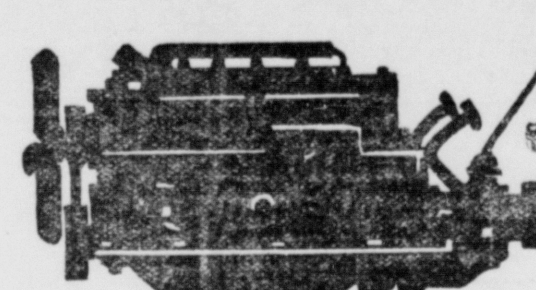
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Total placements for Nov.—made by the thirty Missouri State Employment Service offices are as follows: Brookfield 26, Cape Girardeau 139, Columbia 200, Crystal City 44, Flat River 3, Hannibal 140, Jefferson City 93, Joplin 92, Kansas City 451, Kennett 5, Kirksville 161, Lebanon 33, Lexington 127, Louisiana 46, Marshall 86, Maryville 79, Mexico 80, Moberly 10, Nevada 150, Poplar Bluff 3, Rolla 25, St. Charles 35, St. Joseph 76, St. Louis (City and County) 1068, Sedalia 74, Sikeston 5, Springfield 163, Trenton 19, Washington 12, West Plains 5.

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